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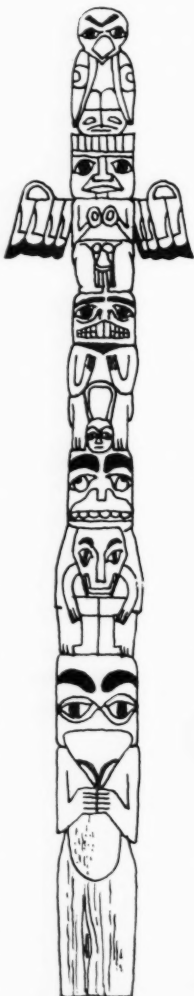
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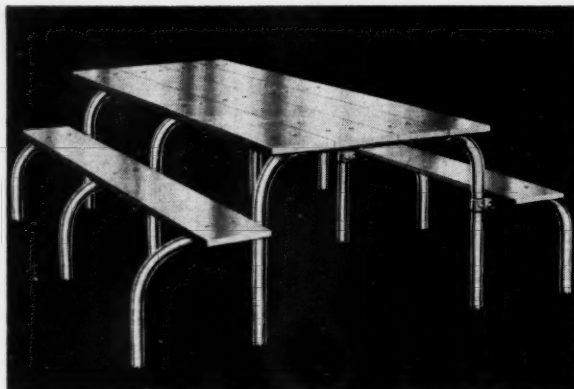
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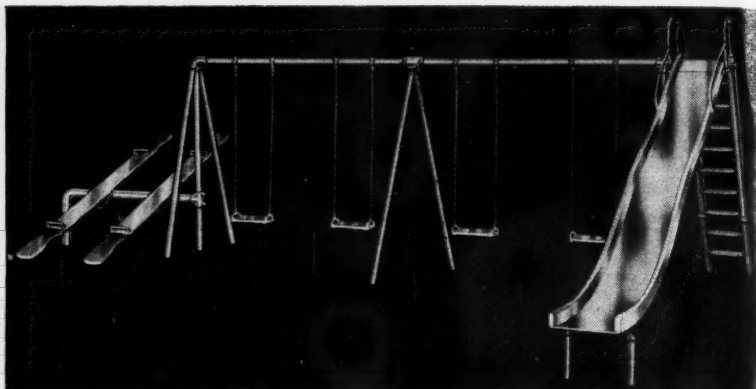
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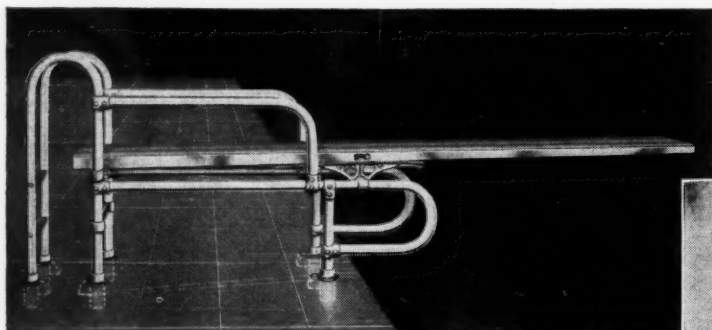
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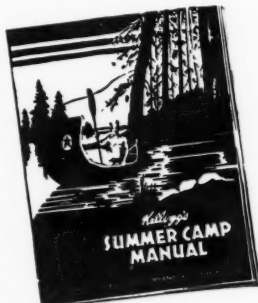
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# LETTERS

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In one of the copies of the magazine of 1950-51 there were directions for building a trailer to carry six canoes. I have mislaid my copy. As I am very anxious to have such a piece of equipment constructed for use at our camp next summer, I would appreciate it, if you have an extra copy of that particular magazine, you would mail it to me. I will be only too glad to pay for the magazine and any other expense.

—Evelyn Gent  
Oak Park, Ill.

The article in question appeared on page 23 of the April 1951 issue.—Ed.

## Interesting Activity

In response to your article in the November issue, I am inquiring whether you would like a brief article around a project accomplished last summer at our camp. As a result of the influence of "Kon-tiki," we developed a craft christened "Po-tiki." [This] provided complete travel equipment and sleeping shelter for six. . . . There was just as keen an interest among all ages at our camp—six to sixteen.

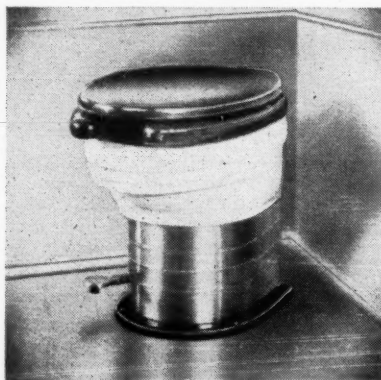
Chauncey G. Paxson  
Camp Pocono  
Penns Park, Pa.

Yes indeed, Mr. P. *CAMPING MAGAZINE* is always interested in unusual and creative activities which can be passed on for the enrichment of program in other camps. We have scheduled the article and pictures for publication in the May issue.—Ed.

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—Barbara Brumbach  
Turkey Creek Camp  
Wichita, Kansas

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*If reprinting an entire article is desired, it is better to check with us first, so we can contact the author for his permission. Occasionally an author may have some other commitment which would prevent reprinting, but not very often.—Ed.*

### Anti-Defamation Advertisement

I received a copy of the December, 1951 issue of CAMPING MAGAZINE.

I note that on the inside back cover you carry a reproduction of our "Freedom-Stalin Style" poster.

I wish to thank you for the courtesies extended and your cooperation in this matter.

—Frederick M. Kraut  
Anti-Defamation League of  
B'Nai B'rith  
New York City

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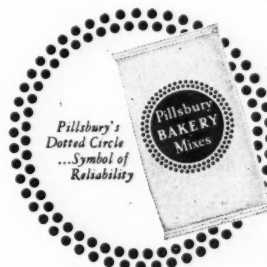
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—Lillian Zarakov  
Camp Zakelo  
Harrison, Maine

### Waterfront Weeds

Will the fellow members of the ACA tell me how they handle the problem of fresh-water weeds and other obnoxious growth — along the outside of the "swimming crib"—and between raft and crib, etc.

Also is there any way a camp owner can chlorinate or otherwise purify swimming water on a lake that is State controlled and into which are place about 2,000 to 3,000 trout for fishing, etc.

(Name withheld by request)  
Massachusetts

*We referred this question to a director experienced in this matter. He suggests the reader secure Fishery Leaflets Nos. 10 and 344, from U. S. Department of Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C. As regards chlorination, if state-stocked waters are being polluted, contact with appropriate state officials should result in immediate help in stopping the pollution.—Ed.*

### Wants Article Reprints

I would appreciate it if you would send me 25 copies of "Pre-camp Priming of Staff," 25 copies of "Campers Offer Valuable Program Guidance" from the January CAMPING MAGAZINE. Also 25 reprints of David Aptekar's article on "How Good a Job Did You Really Do Last Summer?" which appeared in the November, 1951 issue.

—A. David Biatch  
—Executive Director  
Jewish Community Center  
Portland, Oregon

Sorry, we have no reprints available of these articles, except on special order for 100 or more.—Ed.

### More Riding Data Wanted

In the January issue of CAMPING MAGAZINE there is an article by Dorothy G. Baldwin, "A Helpful Solution to a Common Riding Problem" which interests me very much. Will you please tell me how I may secure more information on this subject?

—Wylanta R. Mason, Director  
Camp Iroquois,  
Linesville, Pa.

For more information on riding standards please contact Miss Beatrice Tyler, Southern Seminary and Junior College, Buena Vista, Va.—Ed.

### Compliment Recent Issues

Acting on the suggestion of the members of the Executive Board of the Michigan Camping Association, we wish to express our compliments for the extremely high caliber of recent issues of CAMPING MAGAZINE.

We congratulate the editor and contributors for the many timely and practical articles that have dealt with so many of the camping problems common to us all.

We are confident those responsible for the many fine issues of CAMPING MAGAZINE will continue the high standards of camp journalism with which we have become familiar. Best wishes for your continued success.

—Douglas Salisbury, Secretary  
Michigan Camping Association  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

I want to congratulate you on the February issue of CAMPING MAGAZINE. I thought it was the best issue in many a moon. It had some real interest in make-up and articles and even the advertising seemed more interesting.

I know you can't please all of the people all of the time, but several of the past issues have not clicked with me and seemed dull and uninteresting. Maybe I was just in the right mood, but the February issue was enjoyable.

—J. A. Cheley  
Cheley Camps  
Denver, Colorado

Congratulations on the wonderful work you are doing in publishing the CAMPING MAGAZINE.

As a camp director I find it most valuable in program planning, staff organization, and maintenance and supplies.

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—Basilla E. Neilan  
Cambridge (Mass.)  
Youth Project

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## OUR AUTHORS

... in this issue

JOHN FRIEDRICH authors the lead article in this issue, on the subject of better understanding of the individual needs and differences of campers. A



faculty member at Michigan State College at East Lansing, he has a history of more than 10 years in camping, as a counselor, assistant director, and director. Most recently, he has served for the past two years as Director of Clear Lake Camp, Oxford, Mich.

At the college, Mr. Friedrich is head tennis coach, instructor in physical education and recreation, and director of visual aids for the department.

BARBARA ELLEN JOY, co-author of the article telling how her camp tries really to put the "camp" in camping, has had an illustrious career in camping and in service to ACA. At the 1950 National camping convention she received an All-American recognition plaque, and *CAMPING MAGAZINE* at that time published a biographical sketch. Miss Joy is owner and director of the Joy Camps, Hazelhurst, Wisc.

MARJORIE CAMP, second author of the article referred to above, is associated with Miss Joy in operation of the Joy Camps. She has been an active ACA worker, both at Section and National levels. One of her fields of particular competence is aquatics, though her long camp experience has made her a master of most phases of camping and camp operation.

W. GLEN WALLACE, is the author of our article on how care and thoughtfulness in planning and erecting new camp buildings can reduce wear and

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maintenance to a minimum. An architect by profession, Mr. Wallace lives in Minneapolis and has had opportunity to give counsel to or design whole camps for numerous camping groups.

ROBERT E. McBRIDE, who writes in this issue on the role of camping in a period of mobilization, is assistant executive director of ACA's Chicago headquarters. Prior to his association with ACA, he had been in camping as camper and counselor for several years, most recently as director of Red Raider resident camp, a private camp in Ohio.

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DAVID E. SONQUIST, who authored the article "Dividends from Cooperation," is director of Circle Pines Center camp, Cloverdale, Mich. At the present moment, however, he is far from U. S. camping country, spending a year in Europe studying cooperatives and adult education in the Scandinavian countries. Mr. Sonquist holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, in Religious Education.

MARIE DOERMANN, whose hints on camp menu planning are included in this issue, is an extension specialist in nutrition. She works through the State College of Agriculture at New Brunswick, N.J., and has also been associated with the 4-H camp operated in that state . . . While MILLICENT THOMPSON, whose "A Dietitian Looks at Trips" appears in this issue, is the dietitian at Camp Wenonah for Girls, one of the old-established private camps, located at Naples, Maine.

IN ADDITION to the featured articles listed above, we have also included in this issue a considerable number of short, practical items obtained from a number of camps. Included among the camping people who have cooperated in supplying this useful information are Beatrice Pratt, Ila and Paul Hunsicker, Howard Michaud, Henry C. Prange, Elmer F. Ott, Mrs. B. A. Sinn, Mrs. Herbert Pels, Mary L. Northway, Nancy Worthington, Walter Rutherford, Frank Gehr, Walter MacPeck, and Zak Zarakov.



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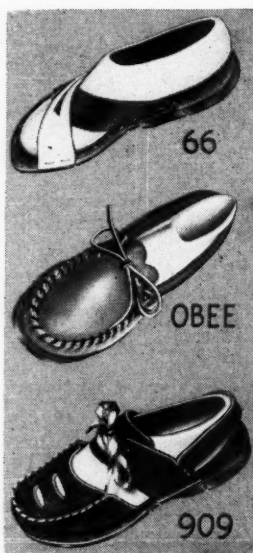
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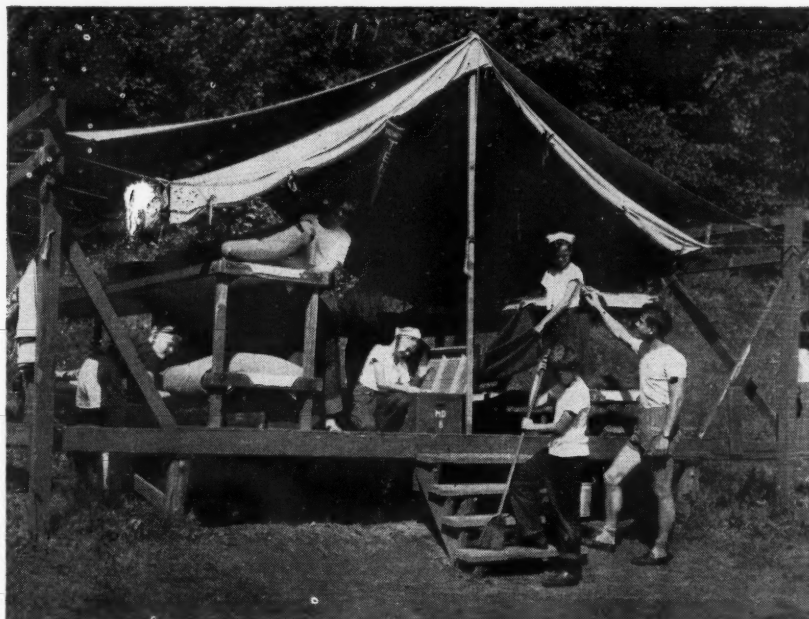
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## UNDERSTANDING THE CAMP GROUP

By JOHN A. FRIEDRICH

**I**N RECENT YEARS considerable emphasis has been given to understanding campers as individuals. This is a valuable and beneficial addition to the betterment and growth of camping. But it is also important for the camp leader to recognize and understand the camper as an individual in a group. Alone, a child responds and acts much differently than when subjected to the various social and emotional pressures of a dynamic group.

Camp units, cabin groups and activity groups have a unity of their own. Most leaders recognize this and will speak of a group as having a distinctive personality. At any one age level and in any one activity group, with the same leader, one group enters well into discussion, another is apathetic, and a third is boisterous. What creates this difference between these groups? The entire answer cannot as yet be given. However, we do know that any group is very much like an organism. It creates such conditions that its members will behave in certain ways because they belong to it. Thus a boy who is very unsure of himself and

likely to challenge a leader, may calm down if he is in a group with an easy-going tradition.

In trying to determine the reasons for problem behavior it is always wise to consider the effect of the group on the child. Proper grouping of children in a camp situation can often do much to eliminate existing problems as well as to prevent others from occurring.

### Cliques and Subgroups

It is almost inevitable that cliques and subgroups will be found in camp. The important question is, how many form, on what basis and how they feel toward each other. Among camp children similarities in play and work interests and abilities determine to some extent clique formation.

Since clique formation often gives rise to bitter feelings and acts of discrimination it is frequently necessary for a leader to exert his influence in giving guidance to the group, particularly if the clique has taken the form of a racial group, economic-level group or secret society.

A clique may arise because its members differ in ways which meet their mutual needs. For example a boy with a very active imagination for creative

dramatic play may attract a small group to him because he furnishes them with an excitement they can only get from him.

The problem for the leader who wants to appraise the effects of subgroups either on the group as a whole or on a single individual is to estimate the purposes these small groups serve. Once these purposes are recognized, steps can be taken to effect corrective measures if such would be necessary. The intelligence and judgment employed by the leader in dealing with cliques and subgroups can determine considerably whether or not the purposes and objectives of such will be socially acceptable and beneficial.

### Group Role Playing

The specialized function of an individual within a group is called a role. In some groups a child may feel impelled to play the role his group feels he has assumed. Thus among the older campers, a leader may take on boldness in confronting adult leaders which he would not exhibit but for the presence of his friends. Frequently this factor makes understanding a child rather difficult. For example, a boy may be "bad" partly



Camp Hill Manor—Paul Parker

because he is living up to a previous reputation. It is important for camp leaders to find out how other campers expect a certain individual to behave. He may be unable to change his course of conduct unless he is helped to build a new reputation or is given a chance to make a fresh start in a new setting.

### Type of Roles

Within most groups there are certain roles which are quite common.

**Leaders**—Whenever a group of human beings is acting together one person is almost sure to stand out by giving instructions, settling disputes, or setting an example. In a camp situation, leadership sometimes shifts from one child to another depending upon activities. Frequently, however, there is a single strongly entrenched leader. Often the leader at camp is distinguished by his superior ability in various camp activities as well as by his psychological understanding of others. Camp leaders may do well to employ the influence of youthful leaders more than is now customarily the case.

There is a big difference between a natural leader and someone delegated

certain powers. It is very tempting to overlook this fact and to appoint a child we like to a leadership position. However, such action may cause considerable conflict within the group.

**Advocates**—In certain groups, one of the members may be especially adept at making alibis, rationalizations or clever negotiations. He may lack the sensitivity for people or boldness of action of the leader, but he indirectly exerts leadership influence by his role as the group diplomat.

**Clown**—Often a camp group will have an individual who stands out as the clown or joker. Sometimes they are boys who have some handicap; that is, they are markedly fat or thin, tall or short, or else below par in skill. By combining humor with self-display they win a place in the group. Often their actions may act as a thin veneer for feelings of inferiority and many times there may be several reasons for their actions other than group expectations.

**Fall guys**—Some groups accept individuals mainly because they are willing to play the scapegoat and take the blame for the group in various mat-

ters, thus giving them more psychological security. The individual's basic motive in assuming such a role is to gain acceptance by the group and possibly receive a certain perverse satisfaction as a martyr.

**Mascots**—A very interesting phenomenon occurs in some camp groups which include a youngster whom the others regard as different from themselves, but against whom they are unwilling or unable to direct open hostility, or over whom they are ashamed to show their real superiority feelings. They make him a mascot. This frequently occurs in the case of an undersized, handicapped, or minority group child.

On the surface this looks much less harmful than open prejudice or discrimination. For the individual, however, it may carry heavy problems since his self-respect may be greatly threatened, yet he is denied any reason for open rebellion.

### Contagion of Behavior

If poor behavior on the part of an individual is likely to be contagious, we may be justified in taking rather firm action. However, if there is no such danger, we can safely resort to such techniques as ignoring and omit threats or punishment. When behavior gives expression to impulses which are shared by several children and which they do not control, it may affect the entire group. Thus, if during a camp dramatic program, a child begins coughing, a group which is bored may be seized by an epidemic of the same kind of noise making. The reason for this is that the children have built up the need to move around and to be relieved of this tension. The openly demonstrated courage of the child who "broke the ice" by seeking release for himself acted as stimulant for similar behavior in all others.

It is important to recognize this fact in the camp situation inasmuch as contagion of behavior is often prominent in the entire camp environment. Whether or not an act will be contagious depends upon the way the original act was performed as well as the individual who did it. If the individual who started had acted guilty about it, the others would probably not have followed suit. The same applies if the individual was disliked by the group.

### Scapegoating

When a camp group exhibits a tendency to be cruel to its least popular

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members or when there is evidence of great friction between set groups we may suspect scapegoating is taking place. Nearly anyone may be picked for the role. In many cases the effects can be very detrimental to the individual involved. It behooves the camp leader to handle the situation very carefully in order to avoid increasing group dislike for the scapegoated member, as well as avoid tempting the scapegoat to vie for leader protection.

Most of the time membership in a group is an emotionally strengthening experience. When any young person who genuinely belongs to a group gets in trouble or needs help, the others are almost sure to come to his rescue. A camper who is "in bad" with a certain counselor will be given not only sympathy, but a good deal of advice on how to "get around him." This aspect of group life is one which can be very profitably used to aid children who need help. The trick is in knowing how and when to make use of it.

### Group Atmosphere and Morale

One of the significant qualities of camp groups is their emotional climate or general feeling tone. This is very much dependent upon the attitude of the group leader. In promoting the best type of mental hygiene the leader will be much more successful if he attempts to reduce the pressure and tensions within the group.

Vavious groups have different atmospheres. Moreover, differences in group atmosphere give rise to differences not only in the type of difficulty with which young people must cope but also in the type of solutions to those difficulties which appear to work. When two leaders have different impressions of the same child, it may be that each is seeing a contrasting reaction due to a difference in group atmosphere. If possible it is usually best to allow a child to spend as much time as possible in the group where he works best with other children.

To be sensitive to conditions which endanger good morale, and to be skilled in the techniques of strengthening and repairing it, are assets of all good group leaders. Group pride and group self discipline are essential to good group morale. However, too much group pride can lead to a dangerous condition often involving acts of destruction.

### Group Distintegration

Few things can make a camp counselor feel more futile than to have his group go to pieces. In some cases this may be just temporary. However, in others it may be the typical state of affairs. In every case group disintegration has a reason and demands thoughtful attention.

There are numerous conditions which can lead to group disintegration. Long periods of empty waiting may be one cause. Campers, if confronted with tasks they cannot accomplish, may vent their frustration in bickering that can wreck any possibility of teamwork. Clique warfare, too much competition, unexpected change (especially in leadership) and lack of motivation all may tend to cause disintegration in a group.

An orderly cabin may lose its morale if surrounded by disorderly cabins. When a group goes to pieces, life becomes very insecure and perilous for its members. The weaker group members may be highly disturbed.

### Group Standards

The standards of conduct derived from juvenile group forces are very

powerful. They are often more influential than most educators realize.

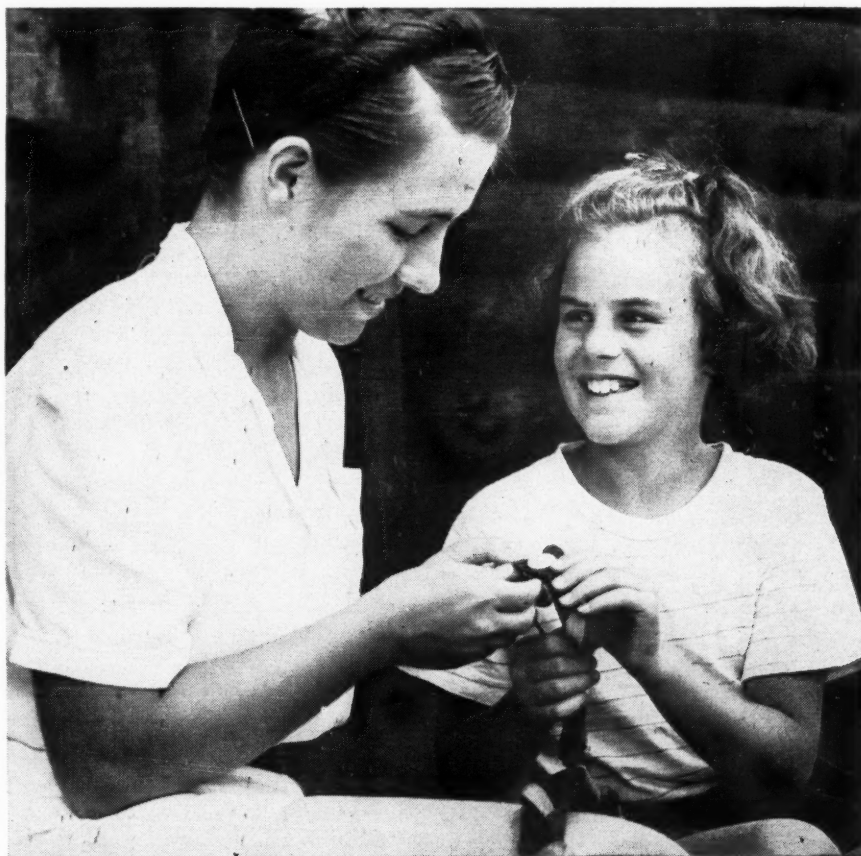
In a head-on collision between the group standards and the counselors code, the juvenile code is likely to prevail, although its triumph is usually masked. Beneath the surface the campers' lasting attitudes are formed by the dynamics of their own groups.

### Importance of the Camp Leader

The social climate which determines group action can be considerably influenced by the leader. Cooperation-evoking techniques are much superior to dominating methods in camp. Cabin group spirit and character can be well molded or badly mutilated by the action and techniques of the counselor.

As a large group, most camps are divided into subgroups and cliques each with its own structure and traditions. Under these circumstances, group psychological forces come into play and greatly influence each individual. The camp leader has it within his power to influence these groups and in turn the individual, either for good or bad, depending upon his ability and his handling and understanding.

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# The Role of Camping In A Period of Mobilization

By ROBERT E. MCBRIDE

ONE CRISIS AFTER another in the world situation is brought to our attention by radio, T. V., and the press. Camp directors can choose one of three courses: (1) Become alarmed and say, "Let's do something about this crisis!" (2) Shrug off the present conditions by such statement as, "We've been in this position before and have survived, why worry?" (3) Maintain a "business as usual" attitude. "Business as usual" plus a renewed understanding and insight of the present situation seems to be the most sound and constructive approach. Having gone through similar circumstances, we should capitalize on our hindsight to help us develop foresight.

Camp leaders should be fully cognizant of the forces and factors which make mobilization necessary. A fundamental concept should be understood—adequate mobilization in the period ahead involves far more than military mobilization alone. A wide range of resources, moral and spiritual as well as material, will be needed as long as mobilization continues.

What should camping be like in this period of mobilization? What new elements or new emphases are required if this great institution is to play its full role?

The greatest service camping can render to our country now is for camps to go on doing what they have been doing, only better than ever before. The keynote is adherence to peacetime camp educational principles, practices, and standards. These are bolstered by the belief that, inherent in such practices, is adequate provision for meeting the needs of children at this time.

Today, children face numerous hazards to a happy, wholesome life. Many families are busily engaged in defense work and have sons in the armed forces. Some live in crowded housing developments or apartments, are tense, insecure, and emotionally upset. Children are quick to sense adult anxiety. The resulting strain on some boys and girls points up the need for strong, stable influences and services which camping can supply.

It is camping's responsibility to keep at a minimum the emotional stress that may affect the lives of children and to see that they get plenty of fun and adventure, wholesome music and singing, fresh air and good food, and sound democratic living. The seeming inability of some homes, under modern conditions of living, to develop self-reliance, resourcefulness, practical skills, and a willingness to work creates a great demand for camp where home training may be supplemented.

Camping in America is cast in a social situation that demands more and better camping for all. There is every indication that there will be more people wanting to go to camp next summer than ever before. This has been brought about by several factors, such as the increased earning power of many families, as well as the conditions outlined above. Because of this tremendous demand for camping by many people who have never camped, it is important that the very best camp programs possible be operated this year. Only in this way can camps make their maximum contributions toward preservation of the democratic way of life.

Organized camps offer a rare opportunity to reproduce actual life situations. Campers learn to stand on their own, to be physically fit, and to do difficult tasks well. They learn how to sacrifice and serve, how to follow and

lead. They develop a sense of comradeship.

While all these learnings are valuable in peacetime, their value is increased immeasurably in the present period of mobilization. To know that children are living, playing, and working outdoors, developing physically, mentally, and socially, is truly reassuring.

Camping requires no great re-tooling for conversion to this period of mobilization. For many years, camps have been exponents of ruggedness, resourcefulness in the out-of-doors, and democratic living. With the possibility of total mobilization at hand, how can camp directors increase their camps' effectiveness, maintain individuality, and at the same time support accepted standards, principles, and ideas?

While there is no one answer to this question, the following steps have proved their value:

1. Provide balanced, nutritious meals, regular hours of rest and sleep, and a regular routine of good health habits.
2. Practice democratic procedure as part of camping's contribution to the American way of life; i.e., camper councils and camper government.
3. Teach preservation and care of equipment; salvage and recondition camp materials.
4. Practice conservation and economic use of natural resources.
5. Offer use of camp facilities to local civil defense officials.
6. Teach patriotic songs, re-emphasize flag ceremonies, and other services dedicated to strengthening national consciousness.
7. Broaden program content to include such experiences as map making; weather reporting; signalling; compass reading; cultivating and harvesting crops; serving as junior forest rangers; learning first aid, swimming, and small-craft operation.

What can professional associations, both locally and nationally, contribute in this period of mobilization? Again, there are several answers to this question, among them the following:

1. Encourage maintenance of standards and the administering of a well-rounded normal program—a return to real camping.

2. Strive for official recognition of camping as an essential educational service.

3. Assist camps in evaluating camp practices, programs, and leadership training.

4. Secure from appropriate authorities priority ratings in terms of transportation, equipment, and commodities.

5. Remain alert to, and take whatever action is necessary in the fields of legislation, evacuation plans and other contingencies that affect camping.

6. Cooperate in blood donor and first aid training programs in collaboration with the Red Cross.

7. Secure official specific information, and commitments on all matters vital to camp operation. Keep membership posted on plans of authorities and changes in the current scene which affect camping.

A pledge proposed in 1942 by the Committee on Camp Policies in Relation to National Needs pointed up the values of camping. It seems again appropriate and challenging to camp leaders during this period of mobilization.

"We, the members of the ACA, believe that camping for children and youth is a vital part of the defense of our nation for the days of present emergencies, and for the days that will follow the peace. We believe that vigorous living in the out-of-doors builds self-reliance, resourcefulness, and physical, mental, and emotional health. We believe that a camp group gives an unequalled opportunity for young people to practice and to learn by living the true principle of a democratic order. We believe that camping gives young people an appreciation of the natural resources of our country and teaches them to use and to conserve such resources.

"We re-affirm our belief in these fundamentals that have guided camping in the past, and pledge ourselves to re-emphasize them in continuing to provide realistic camping for young people who are already experiencing it, and in expending our efforts to enable other young people to benefit by it."

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## Boys Build for Others

**E**IGHT YEARS of inspired labor reached a fitting climax in August 1951 when a camp, built by campers for others less fortunate than themselves, was dedicated at Lake Metzger, Wisc. Camp Bovey, also known as Camp Hodag, was constructed entirely by boys, age 15-17, attending Camp Nebagamom for Boys.

Max J. Lorber, director and founder of Camp Nebagamom, conceived the idea of Camp Bovey 12 years ago. He was concerned about all the young people who had not had the opportunity to camp. Along with that concern, he was also trying to find a way to help build a sense of responsibility among the older boys at his camp. The result of Mr. Lorber's thinking was the work project at Camp Bovey, which is located eight miles from Camp Nebagamom.

Each year a group of 18 older boys was selected to live at Camp Bovey and to work on its construction. Most of the boys had no experience in that kind of work. They started from scratch. The boys cleared the ground, built roads, stocked the lake with fish, and through the years built six cabins, an ice house, docks, an outpost camp, and barbecue pits. Materials were secured from the woods, with the exception of concrete and hardware, and all of the labor was done by the boys.

The boys lived under a plan of self government while they were at Camp Bovey. The camping was really rugged but all of them agreed it was a great

experience. When the camp was finished, Mr. Lorber began to plan for the future use of the site. The North East Neighborhood House of Minneapolis, a community settlement, was selected to take over the camp on a two-year trial basis. Certain stipulations were made to insure the future of the camp. These stipulations were:

1. The camp must never exclude any camper because of race, creed or color.

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3. It must cater almost entirely to groups of children and adults who might otherwise be deprived of a camping experience.

Mrs. Paul Treuman of St. Louis, gave the camp a two-story lodge, containing dining, sleeping, and handicraft rooms, in memory of her son, Paul Treuman, Jr. She told Mr. Lorber that the inter-cultural aspects of the camp especially appealed to her.

Movies of the boys at work on the camp have been shown in many places and have inspired other camps to start similar projects.

Camp Bovey was a project that is truly worthy of its parent camp. Camp Nebagamom during the past 24 years, has grown from a camp for 47 boys to one for 200. It is non-sectarian and campers come from all over the United States, Europe and Canada.

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CAMPING MAGAZINE is pleased and grateful for the generous way readers have responded to our plea for back issues of the magazine. The file has certainly grown as a result of that request! But, we still need quite a few copies. When you are doing your spring house, or camp cleaning, would you be on the lookout for the following issues:

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Circle Pines Center—Peter Weil Photo

## Dividends from Cooperation

BY DAVID E. SONQUIST

**T**HE CONSUMER Cooperative movement has soundly demonstrated how it carries out democratic principles in American life, particularly among farmers, in Credit Unions, health, housing, and other fields. Until recently, however, Cooperatives have done little in the field of camp operation. They did not realize that the very principles which they were applying to business ventures were in essence the same which progressive camp leaders are striving to put into practice in their expanding movement.

Short-term camps have been held for a number of years by several cooperative regional groups such as the Farmer's Union, the Central Cooperative Wholesale and others. The most inclusive, continuous and widely known demonstration of cooperative camping has been conducted by Circle Pines Center at Cloverdale, Mich. during the last 13 years.

### How It Came About

A few words about its history and organization will help to describe the setting in which the Center was able to grow. This is important because the patterns of the institutions are reflected in the patterns of the camps they conduct. In our case the idea for a camp

grew out of the summer-school camps of the Central States Cooperative League and the Ashland Folk School. It was a union of cooperative principles and practice and free open discussion, fine fellowship and spirit engendered by a wealth of folk recreation and music of the folk school.

During the first four years, sessions were held in a recreational camp built by the National Parks Service near Hastings, Mich. This provided an almost deluxe setting and equipment at a small rental fee. The program centered around family groups and cooperative institutes and seminars. This brought an immediate response from cooperative members and others, mostly in the Central States area and showed the great need for vacation facilities at reasonable cost, which would serve the whole family rather than individual members.

Enthusiasm for the program made it quite clear that we had hit upon an idea with unlimited possibilities requiring eventually a permanent organization and campsite of our own. The government camp, excellent as it was, had two major handicaps. It could only be leased one year at a time with no assurance of long-term tenancy and the camp buildings and grounds were so complete no opportunity was possible for creative work by campers.

### We Buy Our Own Site

Fortunately several of our leaders were convinced of the truth of the old cooperative maxim that "He who owns, controls." So, when our lease was delayed they set the wheels in motion for securing a campsite. Before the second camp season opened, 20 people, risking \$5.00 each, advanced enough money to secure an option on a 283-acre run-down farm situated on beautiful Stewart Lake, one of the most ideal campsites imaginable. From this moment on, a new spirit of adventure challenged everyone. The Friends Service Committee located one of its work camps at the new site the following season and repairing and reconditioning of the old farm house and other buildings proceeded with vigor and enthusiasm. The example of this unselfish service of young college people paying \$75.00 a season for the privilege of making the old place livable for others was an inspiration to our growing membership. The example was contagious and soon became the pattern on which plans for building the new camp gradually took shape.

The following season the Friends returned to carry on their good work. Working with them, we organized a youth work camp and a children's camp. What was good for college people was certainly just as good for



youth, children and adults. All shared in the fascinating tasks of planning, financing and building the new camp. Every new experience afforded an educative opportunity. People of all ages, creeds, races and shades of political opinion joined together and learned to know and appreciate each other. Thirteen seasons have given more than 5,000 different people this experience. The \$100 has increased to a book value of approximately \$40,000, a conservative figure which does not include any of the work done by hundreds of volunteers. All property is owned by members and patrons who control it through democratic annual meetings, choosing a Board of Directors to guide the program throughout the year. A full-fledged farm program provides most of the vegetables, meat and eggs for the table. Practically all of the buildings, now comprising some 28, have been built from native materials by our own workers. A few donations but mostly camp fees have made the project self sustaining. We are therefore responsible only to ourselves, free to carry on the program and policies which we deem best and right for all concerned.

### Consciousness of Ownership

The consciousness of ownership proved to be of vital importance. It created a new relationship between campers and camp which is evident even in the play camp for children from three to seven. There is a sense of at-homeness and belonging which permeates staff and campers alike. There is a feeling of responsibility which makes itself felt in the attitudes of campers toward each other and the buildings and property which they own. Seldom will you find any trace of vandalism. A feeling of pride in what has been created is repeatedly shown. Democracy, if it is to be effective, must somehow make its citizens feel this sense of individual responsibility for everything connected with its welfare. This can best be taught through experiencing it in cooperative groups such as this.

The program grows out of the needs of all the people as expressed by them and not dictated by some outside source. This means that if they want any given service they must provide for it themselves. There is no "angel" to furnish it. This has developed a feeling of self-reliance and self-confidence ready to face obstacles and problems without fear. Our job is to

provide many opportunities for expression along many lines. This we have been able to do at the new camp.

The effect of such a program on our city-bred campers, both young and old, is almost magic. Soon they find themselves deeply engrossed in some group project, forgetting themselves and their worries by losing themselves in some creative activity.

Training in democratic responsibility must start early and be graded to the capacity of the individuals. In the Play Camp children start making decisions in matters within their experience. It is remarkable how quickly they learn to respond to the group will. They spend much time getting to know about the forces of nature and responsiveness to natural laws is a powerful antidote to whims and tantrums. It is a significant experience, too, for children to be treated as people with a rightful place in the sun. We emphasize respect for personality, which is one of the basic requisites of a true democracy.

The Children's Camp (ages 8-12) assumes more responsibility for planning and executing its own program. The Junior Work Camp (ages 12-15) plans even more and has a larger measure of control over its own group conduct. The Youth Camp often presents a difficult problem because of the lack of democratic experience in many schools and the consequent resentment to authority even of their own making. A guiding principle has long been Kilpatrick's admonition to "give a child as much freedom as he can effectively use."

### Work Accomplished

One of the main secrets to progress in our situation has been the fact that our work projects are real and vital—not made-work. When children and youth can tackle worthwhile tasks within their range of accomplishment, they will work with enthusiasm and satisfaction. Our Junior Camp built eight stone pillars 8½ feet high by 2½ feet square, for a recreation hall, in a month's time. Although the work period was only two hours a days, many spent seven or eight hours some days to finish a pillar.

They could not possibly see in the beginning how they could do such work and we were anxious to protect the more ambitious from doing tasks too heavy for their strength. So we asked the whole group, some 15 in number, to gather around a heavy wooden concrete form. Each one was asked to lift it alone without success. Then all were placed at equal intervals with one hand under the form and instructed to lift on a pre-arranged signal. Of course, it went up like a feather. By working together under someone delegated to give the signals, seemingly impossible tasks were performed. You have never seen a prouder group of teen agers when folks came out to see a pillar which they had completed. But of greater value by far than the work accomplished was the sense of identification of each youngster with the purposes for which the work was being done. It is this feeling of identification that is so necessary for real democratic motivation.

Circle Pines Center



# You Can Put Real Camp

**T**HIS OUTLINE of the activities of one summer at our camp is presented with a spirit of humility. There is so much that could be done, and, as the years go by, there seems so little time. However, our experience may help others and that is why we have made this compilation. If but one more child learns to understand and respect the resources of his country and learns how to use, enjoy and protect its great privileges for recreation and gratification, the effort so made will be worthwhile.

## Basic Data

**LOCATION AND FACILITIES:** Lake-woods location. Spring fed, sand-bottomed lake. Old lumber-camp site. Access to many other lakes and a river. Hunting prohibited and land posted. The camp operates on "sun time;" our watches are so set that it is just getting dark at 9 p.m. all summer long. Main camp facilities are very simple, no electricity, running water only in kitchen. Kitchen crew of three, one maintenance man. Adequate but simple equipment, well maintained.

**PERSONNEL:** 63 girls, ages seven and up. Twenty-one leaders, 16 of whom live in cabins with campers. Definite and high standards of leadership performance.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVES:** To give city children a realistic opportunity to live harmoniously together, and to acquire an appreciation of the outdoors through a sense of relation to the world of nature about them.

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:** An informal, choice program (See "Let the Camper Choose," *CAMPING MAGAZINE*, May, 1951), carefully stimulated and supervised, which quietly, constantly and

consistently is built upon the latter objective above. Group participation is not stressed to the point where individual needs and desires are neglected. Primary emphasis is on the individual. No awards, honors or organized competition. Progress in activities charted, if desired, and in campcraft is used as basis for trip privileges. The Committee Plan is fully used. (See "Cooperative Committee Plan in Camps," Camp Publications, Bar Harbor, Me., No. 2.) Skills and knowledge stressed are of practical use in camp life. Intellectual, social and aesthetic development of individuals is uppermost in minds of leaders. Interests and activities inherent in camping environment stressed throughout all camp planning, instead of just one or two annual splashy or dramatic "projects."

## Skills and Activities

**CAMP-CRAFT SKILLS.** The following list of requirements for trips (See also "Progressive Scale of Skills for Trip Requirements," Camp Publications, No. 60.), set up by the Campcraft Committee also includes much of "nature lore." Participation is entirely voluntary, but overnight trips, the requirements for which increase in difficulty, are dependent on the individual's success in doing the work outlined. Every possible aid is given the campers in doing this. They submit menus for all trips. The department is carefully organized (See "Organization of the Campcraft Program in the Camp," Camp Publications, No. 55.), and 15 of the 21 leaders are qualified campcraft counselors. Skills included in current requirements are:

Care and use of knife, hatchet, saw. Fuels, fire-building, devices, fire pre-

vention, good forestry practices.

Practice in tent-pitching, bedroll making, packing of knapsack, care of supplies, sanitation, knot tying, lashing, makeshift shelters.

Tree identification, and other specific knowledge of practical nature lore.

Knowledge of poisonous and useful plants, berries, etc.

Whistle signals and "lost."

Compass, orienteering, and map-reading.

Considerable emphasis on weather lore, including daily weather forecasting posted on chart, flying weather flags, use of instruments (thermometer, aneroid barometer, weather guide, simple liquid barometer, Ridgmount Baroguide,) considerable work in theory, clouds, weather wisdom, etc.

Outdoor cooking. Of 15,483 camp meals served in 1951, 2,205 were eaten outdoors on trips and all-camp cook-outs.

Making of an individual project of definite use in camp life, or of native materials. Also a "large project" done with partner or a group.

**ARTS AND CRAFTS.** Use of native materials for craft projects. Articles from weathered knots and birch cross-sections (especially for Christmas decoration at home,) balsam pillows, bark articles, cedar pins, alder whistles, articles of cones, general whittling projects, etc. Use of flowers for designs. Individual projects for campcraft requirements are usually made in this department. To help campers know about the diversity of such "projects," all of a practical or useful nature, a long reference list, with page reference to some dozen books, has been compiled and posted. Outdoor sketching is often enjoyed.

# Camping Into Your Camp Program

By MARJORIE CAMP and BARBARA E. JOY

**DRAMATICS.** This all-camp project involved the production of an original "Pageant of Logging," involving authentic lumberjack songs, dances, and correct historical background and vocabulary. Every person in camp engaged in some aspect of the project. Preparation concentrated in three days between trips.

**STORY-TELLING.** Outstanding nature stories were read at campfire and as a number on the Annual Camp Banquet. Committee chose several themes. They are: "Amos Mottram's Christmas Morning," from the *Maine Pine Cone*, Winter 1948-49 number. One of the finest nature stories we have ever known. "Kings of the Intervale," from Charles G. D. Robert's "Watchers of the Trail". Excerpts from Rachel Carson's "The Ocean," *The New Yorker*, June 2, 9, 16, 1951.

**SUNDAY SERVICES.** The Sunday Service Committee chose several themes directly related to nature, and supported their programs with poems, stories, music, choir numbers, etc.

**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY.** Careful outdoor photography is stressed, and best pictures put on Camera Club Bulletin Board, from which all can order reprints. Particularly outstanding was a series of a loon's nest with eggs.

**PARTIES.** One wildly successful scavenger hunt used nature items entirely. The theme of the annual banquet was "Our Woodland Friends." Decorations consisted mainly of natural materials, including two beautiful centerpieces of moss and bright-colored mushrooms, and one of blue clintonia berries and red bunch berries (camp colors.)

**NATURE LORE.** This is not a "subject" in the camp and no special counselor promotes it, so to speak. Rather,

a majority of the leaders are interested and it is basic to all activity. It is particularly a part of the campcraft program. Campers are at all times conscious of their environment; their adaptation to and appreciation of it are fundamental in their daily camp living and activity. They are encouraged to give verbal reports to the whole camp of observations of particular interest, and a great deal of this is routine in camp. Star gazing and night walks occur often. Every so often a bird census is made. Special riding trips and paddling parties occur on moonlight nights. Children are also allowed to "stay up late" and see aurora borealis.

**CONSERVATION.** In 1949 we sorrowfully watched a clutch of seven tiny merganser babies reduced to three by the end of the summer. In 1950 four turtle traps were purchased and faithfully set and tended all summer. Results were very unsatisfactory for the snapping turtles. In a further effort to attract ducks, five pounds of Japanese millet seed, one pound of American lotus waterlily seed and 100 water smartweed roots were purchased and planted. Natural seed beds were made under pines containing cones, to facilitate natural propagation. Brush piles were left to attract small animals. We also bring in flowers, ferns, trees, etc., which will thrive in our soil. Selective cutting for campcraft use. Continually watching ways to improve growth of trees, seedlings, etc.

**INTERESTING VISITS.** Our campers visited the Squirrel Hill Fire Tower, State Fish Hatchery, nearby quaking bog (to observe swamp flowers, including wild orchids,) and a fishing camp which is a replica of old lumber camp.

## Operation and Maintenance

Canoe trips were made to collect bushel baskets of sphagnum moss which was used to re-chink our Adirondack lean-to across the bay.

Large quantities of balsam bows were gathered, cut into fans of proper size and carefully laid for a foot-thick bed in a lean-to. Due to constant use (123 nights out were spent there in 1951) this had to be renewed in August.

Canoe trips also gathered birch bark from down trees and rooted up pitch-pine stumps for use at main campcraft practice grounds. Some of this, as well as the balsam, was used in the arts and crafts department.

"Crews" went out first week of camp to repair all trails to campsites on the property, and riding trails. Two outpost camps were established on new camp sites made available on two lakes by neighbors. All old campsites on property were repaired and campfire sites checked for safety.

All camp blueberry picking expeditions were held (enough picked for 20 pies) and many small-group pickings for berries for muffins, cake, etc., for whole camp consumption.

Camping trips picked raspberries and blueberries for immediate consumption plus use in pancakes, short cakes, etc.

One group picked pin cherries in morning, and in afternoon made jelly over open fire at campcraft grounds. About six quarts of excellent jelly resulted, plus much fun.

Considerable fishing was done, and fish cooked on trips as well as by cook at main camp. Campers make own poles and fish markers, learn State





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fishing regulations. Pictures of native fish are displayed in a permanent spot. **Exhibits**

A permanent campcraft exhibit is maintained (See "Campcraft on Display," *CAMPING MAGAZINE*, June 1951) with special emphasis on native fuels, types of fires, fire prevention, good forestry practices in obtaining fuels, devices and craft materials.

Library books on special subjects are featured on a special shelf or table by Library Committee.

A topographical map of the region, two enlarged aerial photographs of camp and surrounding country, and a State survey map of our lake, on movable bulletin boards, are on permanent display. Other sets of maps are much used on trips. Also pictorial maps of campsite are available.

We have a special exhibit of some 30 rather unusual blueprints of flowers. Special colored plates and pictures of local birds and flowers were also put up separately on boards.

We hung in our Main Lodge at the time of our Logging Pageant some 24 unusual pictures of Wisconsin lumber days from the Johnson collection, loaned by the *Wausau Record-Herald*. Excellent selection and photography, and most interesting to campers and visitors.

At the same time, there was exhibited a five-foot model of an old-time river raft, very cleverly constructed. It was loaned to us by our Indian trading-post friend, mentioned later.

We had an all-summer exhibit of flowers, ferns, shrubs and tree sprays and nature oddities, at the Main Lodge

on a ledge by which people frequently passed. Flowers were kept in glass bottles, with labels marked with pencil so writing could be erased when a new specimen was displayed. This activity was in charge of our Nature Committee.

Intermittently, nature photographs and snaps taken currently were featured on the Camera Club Bulletin Board.

A large assortment of pictures, and a great variety of illustrated articles on conservation, history, nature, campcraft techniques and equipment and related subjects was placed on bulletin boards and was changed every week. Jokes, some pointing up attitudes and skills, others just plain funny, interlarded more serious material. We think



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this is one of the best ways to interest children, who "absorb" much in their leisure moments from perusal of these boards. The range of material is remarkable.

We have a permanent exhibit on the Southwest Indians in our camp library. Collection of old and selected new Southwest Indian pottery is displayed in the director's cabin. Also there is a collection of knives of many varieties and from many countries, and a collection of axes and hatchets.

From time to time the best of the individual projects made in fulfillment of campcraft requirements are shown, with names of makers attached. In 1950 there was a special exhibit of the collection of old and mostly out-of-print books on camping-out owned by one of the writers.

## Cooperation With Others

The camp paid for 59 memberships in the Junior Audubon Club for those who wished to join.

Wildlife stamps donated by a friend were given out and a completed Wildlife stamp book loaned by a former camper was displayed.

Maps of interest to us were obtained from local and state conservation agents and State Forestry Headquarters.

The local Fire Ranger loans us annually two Indian fire pumps to add to our own supply, so that we have a fire-fighting nucleus within our own organization. In 1950 we stopped what would have been a serious forest fire on nearby property by getting our unit into action quickly.

In 1951 special effort was made to procure outside speakers who could bring to our campers authentic history of the State and tell of their work to conserve and protect Wisconsin's resources. Among those who contributed greatly in this way were:

A teacher from a State college gave a splendid talk on historical Wisconsin and the past and present development of the State. Her first talk several years ago was on Wisconsin authors, especially of children's books. This list was mimeographed and later given to each camper. A revised list was given in 1951.

A representative of Trees for Tomorrow, Inc., took campers on field trips. Especially interesting to them was his use of the tree core-borer to ascertain age of various trees on the property.

We enjoyed a return engagement of a most interesting woman who keeps

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an Indian trading post some 20 miles from the camp, and who is an authority on past and present Indian lore. She brought a colorful display of old Indian utensils and accoutrements, feathers and beaded old garments, etc. The meeting was held in the outdoor campfire circle by the lake. Campers were fascinated by her stories of old Indian life and customs. It was a most instructive and interesting program.

A representative of the State Soil Conservation Committee gave a fine talk on soil conservation and erosion control.

A Wausau, Wisc., teacher whose hobby is Indian mounds gave an interesting talk, supported by charts and pictures.

Six men from the State Conservation Department, plus a fire-fighting truck, trailer and plow, and many instruments and displays, spent a whole day in camp. It was the first time a team from the Department had cooperated in this way with a camp and they, as well as we, deemed it highly successful. The men were a forester, game management man, law-enforcement officer, fishery biologist, and district and local forest rangers. They took turns talking with each section of the camp. Equipment and displays (including manning the fire pumps in a realistic way) were examined, and a lively question period followed each talk and demonstration.

Some of these programs were financed by the camp, while others were available without cost to us. The meetings were presided over and speakers introduced by various camper Committee Chairmen.

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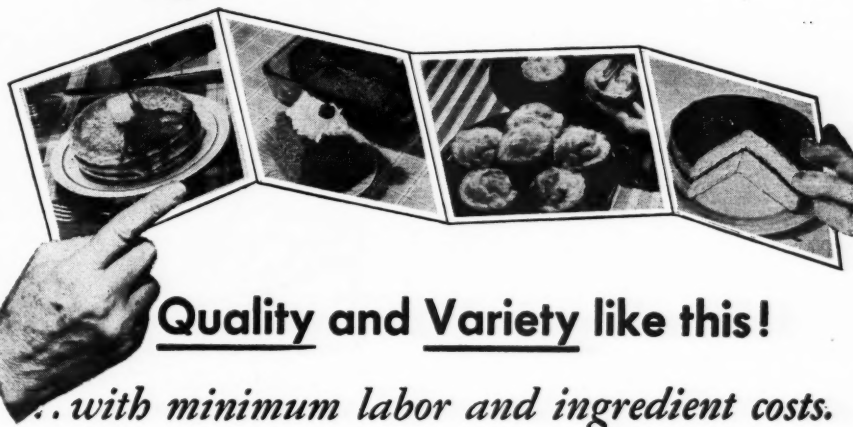
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### Literature and Books

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Sets of colored bird cards from the Arm & Hammer Co. and the Singer Sewing Machine Co.

Membership pamphlet of Junior Audubon Society (much prized.)

"It's a Snap" from Eastman Kodak. "How to Forecast the Weather," from Mutual Life Insurance Co.

In addition, several copies each were obtained from state agencies of "Wisconsin Game Fish," "Wisconsin Forestry" and "Trees of Wisconsin." "How a Tree Grows" and "What We Get From Trees" have been displayed permanently for several years. "Cloud Forms" from the federal government were on display in the Library for use in weather lore.

Backing up these special materials is an excellent private library on camping, natural resources, nature lore, poetry, etc., and many similar books are in the library on loan from the State Free Library Commission. The Camp Library Committee is in charge of this and the special book displays previously mentioned.

Special gifts from camp families this year were several sets of the fine nature books printed by the Whitman Publishing Co. and money toward a Sky Scope for use in 1952. Gifts to the camp are always presented formally by the child of the donor, and suitable inscriptions placed in or on the article.

## Ending Slippery Docks

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The operation can be hand painted, but this requires a much longer time and is more difficult to do. It has been found worth the expense to buy the long electric extension cords and spray gun.

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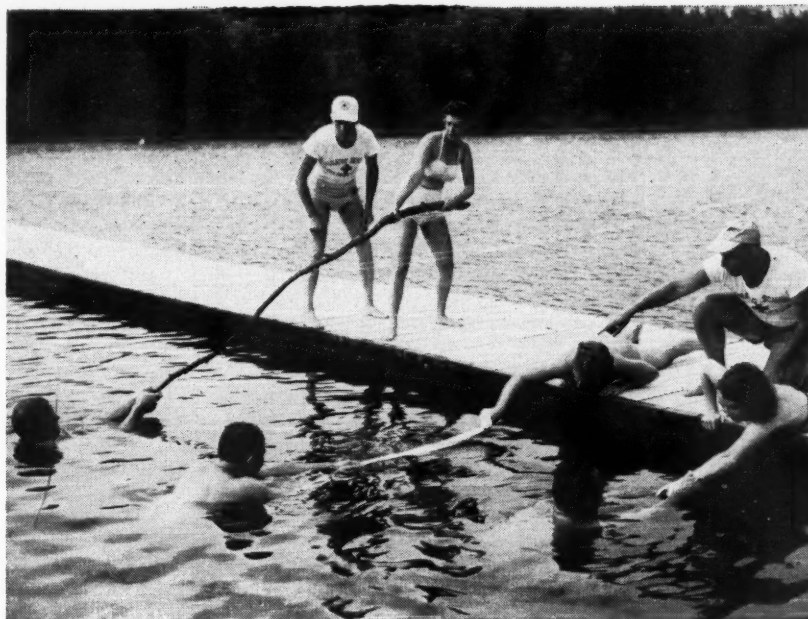
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## Red Cross Aquatic Schools

**M**ARKING THE 30th anniversary of the American Red Cross National Aquatic Schools, 29 of these 10-day sessions have been scheduled this summer to provide leadership and instructor training in swimming and life saving, first aid, and small craft.

The schools offer a unique opportunity for intensive training under expert direction, in a short time, and at nominal cost. Located at convenient sites throughout the nation, most of the schools are scheduled for early June to meet the needs of camps and community organizations for trained leaders to serve during the summer season. A few are set for late August.

For the fifth consecutive year schools, devoted exclusively to leadership training in boating, canoeing and sailing also have been scheduled. While some instruction in this phase of water safety activity is offered at all aquatic schools, these specialized sessions are designed to give the more comprehensive training needed for persons who plan to conduct small craft teaching programs at camps and in communities. These schools have been well received in the recreation and sports fields where the increasing popularity of small water-

craft points to a need for more widespread education in this specialized phase of aquatic safety. Recent statistics indicate that a large percentage of the annual drownings in this country occur in connection with the use of small watercraft.

Major objectives of the aquatic and small-craft schools are: to equip the student with the kind of skill he must have to demonstrate properly the things he is going to teach; to provide the student with effective teaching methods and techniques; to provide the student with as much related information and lore as possible so that he can do a well-rounded teaching job, and to create an understanding of how these courses can be applied to a particular situation, such as a camp, organization, or community program.

Courses offered at the aquatic schools include swimming, life saving, boating, canoeing, and first aid. Students may enroll for instructor training in either first aid and water safety. Some of the aquatic schools will offer special courses for second year students to train instructors for work with the physically handicapped and disabled. Others will offer a second year "major" for more

intensive training in teaching swimming, and some will have courses in training and coaching competitive swimmers.

At the small-craft schools, instruction covers skill and teaching in boating, canoeing and sailing, care and maintenance of equipment, program planning, safety, and rescue practices. No formal training in swimming, life saving, or first aid is offered at these specialized schools.

The instruction at all schools is based upon "learning by doing" and ample opportunity is given for students to practice teaching as well as to develop skills. Aquatic-school training, with its camp life and its emphasis upon leadership as well as skill, well qualifies graduates to assume positions as camp waterfront counselors. First year aquatic students are required to enroll in a Standard first aid course as well as the swimming, life-saving, and small-craft courses.

Faculty members at the schools are selected from among the best known authorities and teachers in the aquatic and safety fields.

Men and women are eligible to enroll if they are 18 years of age, in

sound physical condition, and plan to use this training to teach others. Persons enrolled in the aquatic section of the aquatic school should be reasonably strong swimmers. Small-craft school students must hold a current Red Cross certificate as a water safety instructor, senior life saver, or swimmer, or the equivalent. Those who have not had experience in small-craft work should have at least one year of aquatic-school training.

The all-inclusive fee for the 10 days of training ranges from \$40.00 to \$45.00 and covers board, lodging, texts and materials, emblems, and insignia earned. Further information and applications for enrollment may be obtained from local Red Cross chapters or from the directors of Safety Services in Red Cross area offices in Alexandria, Va., Atlanta, St. Louis, or San Francisco.

#### 1952 National Aquatic Schools Eastern Area

Camp Lutherlyn, Prospect, Penna., June 14-24.

Camp Kiwanis, South Hanson, Mass., June 14-24.

Camp Limberlost, Lefranchise, Indiana, June 15-25.

Camp Watitoh, Becket, Mass., June 15-25.

Camp Silver Lake, Silver Lake, N. Y., June 15-25.

Camp Hazen, Chester, Conn., June 16-26.

Camp Trail's End, Beach Lake, Penna., June 16-26.

Camp Child, Buzzards Bay, Mass., (Small Craft), June 16-26.

#### Southeastern Area

Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, La., June 1-11.

Camp Carolina, Brevard, N. C., June 4-14.

Roosevelt State Park, Chipley, Ga., June 9-19.

Tennessee A. & I. University, Nashville, Tenn. (Negro), June 17-27.

Camp Carolina, Brevard, N. C., August 18-28.

#### Pacific Area

Granite Dells, Prescott, Arizona, June 8-18.

Twin Echo, Twin Lakes, near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, June 15-25.

Camp Redwood, near Fresno, Calif., August 4-14.

Tanglewood Island, near Tacoma, Wash., (Small Craft), August 17-27.

Camp Swayolaken, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, August 20-30.

Emerald Bay, Catalina Island, Calif., August 23-Sept. 2.

#### Midwestern Area

Camp Murray, Camp No. 2, Ardmore, Okla., June 4-14.

Camp Heffernan, Towanda, Ill., June 8-18.

Woodland Summer Camp, Eagle River, Wisc., (Small Craft), June 11-21.

Lake Okoboji Lutheran Camp, Milford, Iowa, June 15-25.

Owasippe Scout Camp (Camp Beard), Whitehall, Mich., June 15-25.

Camp Murray, Camp No. 3, Ardmore, Okla., (Negro), June 18-28.

Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas, August 10-20.

Lake Poinsett Methodist Camp, Arlington, S. D., August 17-27.

Lake of the Ozarks Camp 2-C, Kaiser, Mo., August 20-30.

Lake Geneva Naval Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisc., August 20-30.



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# ACA NEWS

## ACA Executive Director Points Up Current Association Activities

BY GERALD P. BURNS  
*ACA Executive Director*

### Now or Never . . .

It is *now* or *never* that you must make up your mind about attending the national camping convention in Chicago, April 16th to 19th. If you are active in camping, you can't afford to miss this greatest camping meeting of our time. It's an investment in yourself, as a camp leader, that you are making by attending.

Although primarily a *membership*, rather than a *service* organization, ACA offers its members services of considerable value. Many of these services are "indirect"—such as coordination and stimulation of section activities, affiliation and representation with other national professional groups, and stimulation of research in camping for the general public. Some of the services are "direct"—such as *CAMPING MAGAZINE* and other publications available free or at cost to members, interpretation of the values of camping to the public, and the scheduling of meetings for members (locally, regionally and nationally) to discuss their problems. Of all the ACA services, none is more valuable than the last named—the meetings arranged for camping people to pool their knowledge, ask questions, and listen to authorities in the field. Greatest of all such meetings is the *National Convention* scheduled every second year.

As a present or future leader in camping you can't afford to miss this convention. Don't wait—request advanced reservations today—it's going to be a full house!

### A Tribute to Workers . . .

In a national, voluntary, professional membership organization such as our Association, it's difficult to single out individuals or specific groups for approbation. Your National Committee on Recognition is charged with the responsibility of "recognizing" three to five "leaders" in camping every second year at the national convention. In a subsequent issue of the magazine the 1952 honor award recipients will be



presented to you, the readers. April 18th, at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, these folks will be personally presented to you, the delegates at the National Convention.

In addition to these grand "old timers" who have contributed so significantly over the years to camping and the ACA, there are certain contemporaries of ours who deserve mention at this time. Two groups we should recognize for the tremendous sacrifice in time and effort that they are making for the rest of us are, first the Section Presidents and, second, the National Committee Chairmen.

Two ACA volunteers who have given unstintingly of their energies and talents in positions of great responsibility are Elmer Ott and Joe Clemens. Two ACA executives who have worked "above and beyond the call of duty" are Marjorie Conzelman and Ellie Travistino.

And, to all of you hard-working Section and National Officers, Committee Chairmen and Committee Members, we say "many thanks."

### Over The Top . . .

Due to the good efforts of Section Treasurers, Membership Chairmen and others, we finally topped the 5,000 mark in ACA Membership. This occurred early in February before we had to make our mid-winter "pulls." So many memberships expired in December, causing some February "drops," that our joy at attaining the 5,000 mark was short lived. It's every member's responsibility to keep his status *active* and urge his colleagues in ACA

to do the same. Dues should be mailed to Section Treasurers (or the national office if you don't know your Treasurer) one month *prior* to your expiration date. In this way, you will not lose the continuity of *CAMPING MAGAZINE* and other services.

### Dollars and Sense . . .

After 15 years *in* camping and considerable study and research *on* camping in college, I've come to the conclusion that there are relatively few people getting rich by owning or directing camps. However, it is apparent most commercial firms serving the camping field are "doing all right." No one begrudges them the profits.

But some of us feel these commercial firms working with camps might contribute more generously to the furtherance of the camping movement. Such a contribution may best be made through the American Camping Association along three lines:

1. By advertising in *CAMPING MAGAZINE*.
2. By exhibiting at national, regional, and local conventions, and
3. By joining ACA in the proper category (Contributing Membership.)

Certain of the commercial firms have already taken these three steps. Others follow one or two of the above lines of action.

Now, here's where "sense" comes into the picture:

In times like these we should admit—and this is straight from the shoulder, that with the small number of members we have, their combined dues will not adequately support the Sections, *CAMPING MAGAZINE* and the office without the assistance of income obtained from conventions (commercial exhibit booths) and income going to *CAMPING MAGAZINE* (via purchase of advertising space.) In addition, where firms take Sustaining or Contributing Membership in Sections, the money remaining in the Section as the retained portion of the membership split is a big "drop" in the local "bucket."

We can build a larger support among our commercial friends by patronizing those firms that exhibit at our conventions, that advertise in our magazine, and that hold membership in our A.C.A. Won't you talk this over with your colleagues?



# ACA CONVENT

## Program Scheduled for ACA National Convention

The program chairman of the ACA Biennial National Convention, Theodore Cavins, reports that, "The work of Hugh Allen, Eleanor Eells, Major Kyle Piercy and others on the program committee has produced a most comprehensive and attractive schedule. We're highly excited about some of the innovations like the Seminars and Live Demonstrations." The program promises that this convention will be the biggest and best ACA Convention ever!

### Tuesday, April 15

- 9 a.m.-5 p.m.—Workshop on Standards, Dr. Hedley Dimock and Hugh Masters.
- 9 a.m.-5 p.m.—ACA Board of Directors Meeting.
- 2 p.m.-10 p.m.—Registration.

### Wednesday, April 16

- 8 a.m.-10 p.m.—Registration.
- 9 a.m.-11:30 p.m.—Seminar.  
Program ..... Catherine Hammett  
Administration ..... Reynold Carlson
- 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. **Kindred Groups**  
Boys' Clubs of America ..... E. Pastore  
Boy Scouts of America ..... R. L. Newcomb  
Camp Fire Girls ..... Elizabeth Spear  
Camping for Handicapped ..... Eleanor Eells  
Catholic Camps ..... Msgr. J. E. Schieder  
College Training ..... Jeanne Bassett  
Extension Service ..... Ty Thompson  
Girl Scouts ..... Leila L. Adams  
Private Camps ..... R. E. Twining  
Protestant Church Camps ..... Elizabeth Brown  
Salvation Army Camps ..... Major K. Piercy  
School Camping ..... Joseph R. Craw  
Settlement Camps ..... Vera McElveen  
YMCA Camps ..... Douglas Monahan  
YWCA Camps ..... Hortense Spear
- 8 p.m.-9 p.m.

#### Opening General Session

- Character through Music.  
"A Singing Camp is a Happy Camp"  
..... George Campbell
- 9 p.m.-12 p.m.—Grand Opening Exhibits.
- 10 p.m.-12 p.m.—Square Dancing, Refreshments.

### Thursday, April 17

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Registration.
- 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—Exhibits.
- 10:30 a.m.-12 a.m. **General Session**  
Moral and Spiritual Values of Camping ..... Dr. Lowell B. Hazzard
- Noon—Kindred Group Luncheons.
- Noon—6 p.m. Exhibitors.
- 2:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.—Seminar.
- 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. **Small Sessions**  
Community Aspect of Day Camping ..... R. Fox Smith  
Philosophy of the Independent Camp ..... Max Lorber and Ethel Bebb  
Meeting Camp Standards ..... Hedley Dimock  
Day Camp Standards ..... Esther J. Sullivan  
Camping for Older Young People ..... Clarita Walker  
Serving the Handicapped in All Camps ..... Crocker, Lunde  
Winter Camping ..... Gunnar Peterson  
Legislative Trends ..... Wayne Sommer  
Philosophy of Program ..... Jean Maxwell  
Trail and Trip Camping ..... Merrill Durdan, Arthur Lusty  
Camper Participation in Program Planning ..... Howard Gibbs  
Better Counseling of Counselors ..... Elizabeth Spear  
Information Please ..... Messrs. Reiman, Desser, Mason, Lavenson, Wallace
- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Registration.
- 8 p.m. **General Session**  
Better Camping through Better Administration ..... Arthur Schuck

### Friday, April 18

- 8 a.m.-noon—Registration.
- 9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Exhibitors.
- 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. **Small Sessions**  
Techniques of Private Camp Promotion ..... Carol Hulbert, Josephine Chrenko  
Agency Camps Promotion ..... Florence Ray  
Spiritual Emphasis ..... Rev. Malcolm MacMillan  
Training Day Camp Staff ..... Mary H. Vannier  
Nature Programs in Camp ..... W. G. Vinal  
Creative Arts in Camp ..... Lee Beckhard  
Winter Camping ..... Gunnar Peterson  
Health and Safety in Camp ..... Gyla Brooks

Information Please ..... Consultants  
Noon **ACA Convention Luncheon**  
Elmer Ott, Herb Sweet, and Gerald Burns.

2 p.m.-4 p.m.

#### ACA National Committees

- Health and Safety ..... Gyla Brooks
- Public Relations ..... Lou Handler
- Legislation ..... Wayne Sommer, Milton Goldberg
- School Camping ..... Julian Smith
- Spiritual Emphasis ..... Rev. Malcolm MacMillan
- Special Services ..... Jack Lear
- Intercultural ..... Cliff M. Drury
- Finance ..... Otto Rosahn, T. R. Alexander
- Publications ..... Hugh Allen
- Nominations ..... Elizabeth Brown
- Membership ..... A. K. Flanagan
- Program ..... Elizabeth Spear
- Leadership ..... Dr. Richard Stultz
- Research and Studies ..... Dr. Norman Miller
- Day Camping ..... R. Fox Smith
- Standards ..... Dr. Hedley Dimock
- 2:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.—Seminars.
- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.—Registrations.
- 8 p.m.-10 p.m. **General Session**  
Education Values of Camping ..... Eduard Lindemann

### Saturday, April 19

- 8 a.m.-noon—Registration.
- 9 a.m.-6 p.m.—Exhibits.
- 10 a.m.-noon **General Session**  
The Lasting Value of Camping  
Moderator ..... Don McNeil  
School Camping and Outdoor Education ..... Miss Brinley, and Messrs. Donaldson, Smith, Craw.
- Noon—Kindred Group Luncheons.
- 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. **Small Sessions**  
Information Please ..... Waldo, Searles, Twining  
Psychological Needs of the Over-Privileged Child ..... Dr. Irene Joslyn  
Role of the Counselor ..... Jack Chelev  
Principles of Staff Supervision ..... Hedley Dimock, John Ledlie  
What Constitutes Good Day Camp Program ..... F. A. Dunnagan  
Community Planning for Camping ..... Hugh Ransom, Herb Bodley  
School Camping and Outdoor Education ..... Ben Sylla  
A Conservation Program for Camps ..... Messrs. Vinal, Broomell
- 2:30 p.m.-4:15 p.m.—Seminars.
- 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

#### Convention Banquet

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## Exhibition Booths Planned for Chicago ACA Convention

Aldrich & Aldrich	Camp Clothing	67	Kellogg Co.	Cereals	48
Alexander Chemical Corp.	Swimming Pool Chemicals	99	Adolph Kiefer & Co.	Waterfront Equipment	13
Alston Studios, Inc.	Photography	7	Kil-Jet Distributing Co.	Insect Control Equipment	91
American Handicraft Co.	Craft Supplies	71	Kitchen Art Foods, Inc.	Baking Mixes	76
Anlies Food Products, Inc.	Foods	56	J. C. Larson & Co.	Leathercraft Supplies	73
Archery Sales & Service Co.	Archery Supplies	27	Joseph Lipic Pen Co.	Camp Souvenirs	36
Armour & Co.	Foods	8	Andy Lotshaw Co.	Insect Repellent	43
Association Press	Books	2	M.D. Laboratory Products		
The Athletic Institute	Sports Training Aids	20	Co.	Name Tapes	12
Bailey & Himes, Inc.	Athletic Clothing & Equipment	35	Magnus Brush & Craft		
A. S. Barnes & Co.	Books	66	Materials	Craft Supplies	4
Bernard Food Industries	Food	45	Mandel's	Camp Clothing	41
Thomas Black & Sons, Ltd.	Tents & Camping Equip.	40	Maypole Boats & Motors, Inc.	Canoes, Row Boats, etc.	31-32
G. S. Blakeslee & Co.	Kitchen Machines	29	Mobile Photo Service	Photography	94
Braun Lumber Co.	Cabins	46	The Music Corral	Music & Records	98
Camp Chemical Co.	Chemicals	55	National Biscuit Co.	Crackers & Cookies	11
Camp & Sports, Ltd.	Tents & Camping Equip.	40	National Sporting Goods Association		5
Carson Pirie Scott & Co.	Camp Clothing	21	North Wisconsin Agency	Insurance	85
Champion Knitwear Co., Inc.	Camp Wear	81	Osborn Bros. Supply Co.	Leathercraft Supplies	47
Cleveland Crafts Co.	Craft Supplies	1	Pepsi Cola Co.	Soft Drinks	93
The Coca Cola Co.	Soft Drinks	64-65	Pfaelzer Bros.	Meats and Poultry	77
Collegiate Pennant Co.	T-Shirts, Emblems	23	Pisano Trophy Shop	Trophies, Medals, etc.	18
Copy Plus Sales & Service	Duplic't'g Equip., Supplies	25	Rafter Crafters	Camp Books	89
Curtiss Candy Co.	Candy & Food	51	B. A. Railton Co.	Food	49-50
Daisy Mfg. Co.	Air Rifles	9	Ralston Purina Co.	Cereals	62
S. K. Davis Publishing Co.	Camp Memory Books	27	H. L. Ruggles & Co.	Printing	94
Dearborn Leather Co.	Craft Supplies	52	Sanco Equipment Co.	Camp Equipment	26
Edward Don & Co.	Restaurant Supplies	30	Nat J. Sand Co.	T-Shirts	84
Doughnut Corp. of America	Baking Mixes	75	Ad Seidel & Son, Inc.	Food	6
C. F. Emling	Food	82	John Sexton & Co.	Grocers	54
Erwin Meat Co.	Meat	95	Marvin Shaffer & Associates	T-Shirts, Caps, etc.	58
The Felt Crafters	Program Incentives	61	Smith-Junior Co.	Fruit Drinks	22
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Gagers Handicraft Co.	Craft Supplies	92	Standard Steel Products		
General Mills	Foods	101-57	Mfg. Co.	Steel Piers	14
Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corp.	Aluminum Canoes	74	Steele-Weddes Co.	Foods	72
The Handcrafters	Craft Supplies	44	Stephenson Corp.	Resuscitators	100
Phillip J. Harvey, Inc.	Wood Finishes	46	Swift & Co.	Meat Products	57
H. J. Heinz Co.	Foods	42	Tanart Leathercraft Co.	Leathercraft Supplies	34
Higham, Neilson, Whitridge, & Reid, Inc.	Insurance	3	Thompson Boat Co.	Canoes, Row Boats, etc.	33
Hilker & Bletsch Co.	Food	63	United World Films, Inc.	Free Educational Films	89
Hughes Photo Service	Photography	53	Velva Sheen Mfg. Co.	Camp Wear	24
Ideal Pictures Corp.	Movie Films & Equip.	19	Vermont Accident Insurance Co.	Insurance	83
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# ACA NEWS

## Publication Proposed for ACA Official Census

The Official Census of Camping in America, being conducted by the American Camping Association, is now in high gear. Since November 1, 1951, some 8,500 data cards have been mailed to those who own or operate agency, private, church or public camps in the United States. At the present time, census returns number approximately 4,500.

A thorough search is being made to uncover additional camp lists. Comprehensive listings have been received from numerous and various groups and organizations. Some of the organizations already contacted for camp lists are:

- Girl Scouts
- Boy Scouts
- Camp Fire Girls
- YWCA
- YMCA
- 45 ACA Sections
- U.S. Forest Service
- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Community Chests and Councils, Inc.
- National 4-H Organization
- National Park Service
- State Societies for Crippled Children
- Nat'l Catholic Welfare Conference
- Nat'l Jewish Welfare Board
- Internat'l Council of Churches
- Various Insurance Companies
- Various Commercial Companies
- Boys Clubs of America
- Girls Club of America, Inc.
- State Public Health Department
- Volunteers of America

### Purposes of the Study

The following are the general purposes of the ACA Census Study:

1. To secure accurate information as to the extent of camping in the United States.
2. To secure a better picture of current practices, administration, organization, leadership, financing, program, and the like.
3. To gather data that will lay the foundation for determining trends in the field of camping.
4. To set up a continuing system of

securing statistical information about camps in the United States.

5. To determine needs for added services to the camping movement by the American Camping Association and other public and private groups.

### Definition of Camping

There are few, if any, camp leaders in the nation who will agree on a single definition of camping which adequately covers the subject. For purposes of this research project, the Census Study Committee accepted the following definition derived from a special ACA Committee on Terminology. Camp is "an organized experience in an outdoor environment, under trained leadership, and offering campers an opportunity for growth, development and happiness through a program of activities related to the natural surroundings."

This national census aims to include all those day, resident and other camps which operate for at least four (4) consecutive days.

### Census-Study Staff

In addition to the Executive staff of the Association, a full-time secretary was employed on November 1, 1951. In general her duties are to: address data cards, check all camp directories and listings for duplication; organize and maintain files on all materials; organize and set-up materials for Saturday mailings, supervise six to eight Girl Scouts who voluntarily handle the weekly mailings; check and file incoming mail; cross-check files and send reminder postal cards to camps not having replied, and mimeograph form letters and materials for the Census Study.

In addition, a student from George Williams College is assisting part-time. This young man is preparing for a career in camping and is, therefore, serving on a volunteer basis.

### Census-Study Hypothesis

It is only logical that a tentative formulation of outcomes or an hypothesis be developed early in the course of any research study to lend guidance,

### Camp Owners and Directors

If you have not received a census card, please advise the ACA national office, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4, and a data card will be sent to you by return mail. Your interest and cooperation in this important study is earnestly solicited. Pass the Word!

direction and perspective to the undertaking. It is understood by the committee supervising the effort and the Census Study director that a sound hypothesis is flexible and yet practical. In line with the above, it is our desire that the prognostication of the outcomes of this study be brief and in accord with the stated purpose of the study.

### Proposed Publication

It is assumed that one of the major outcomes of the study will be a modest publication of real value to the camp directors of the nation, to educators, recreation leaders and the public at large. To collect data without reporting their significance would prove a waste of time and effort. This hypothesis is limited to a presentation of the form and content of the report or publication emanate from the Census Study. Perhaps the best method of describing this study is to think of the final publication in book form.

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IV. The Status of Camping in America — Charts, Graphs, Maps.

1. Number of Camps in America, by:
  - a. sponsorship
  - b. size of camp
  - c. age and sex
  - d. day camps
  - e. resident camps
  - f. states
2. Distribution of camps in America, by:
  - a. agency
  - b. private

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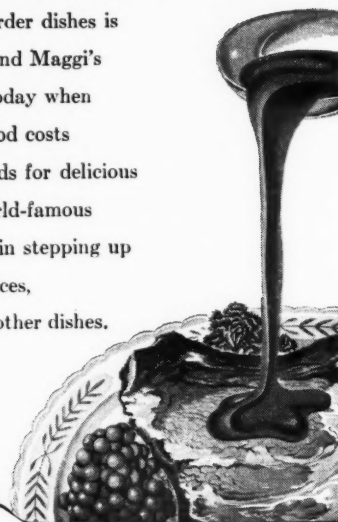
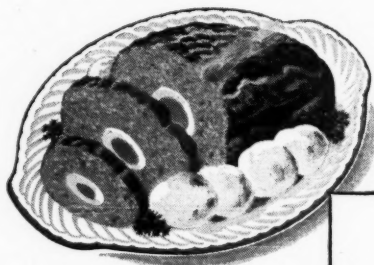
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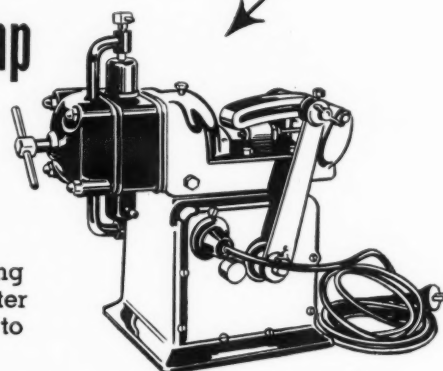
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- c. public
- d. states
3. Camp capacity, by:
  - a. sponsorship
  - b. day camps
  - c. resident camps
4. Total number of different campers served, by:
  - a. sponsorship
  - b. day camps
  - c. resident camps
  - d. all camps
5. Number of counselors (general and program) utilized, by:
  - a. sponsorship
  - b. day camps
  - c. resident camps
  - d. all camps
6. Number of administrative staff members, by:
  - a. sponsorship
  - b. day camps
  - c. resident camps
  - d. all camps
7. Number and length of camp periods (days or weeks), by:
  - a. size of camp
  - b. sponsorship
  - c. age and sex
8. Predominant age group served, by:
  - a. size of camp
  - b. sponsorship
  - c. day camps
  - d. resident camps
9. Approximate total camp value, by:
  - a. size of camp
  - b. sponsorship
  - c. age and sex
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  - a. size of camp
  - b. sponsorship
  - c. age and sex
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  - a. size of camp
  - b. sponsorship
  - c. day camps
  - d. resident camps
  - e. age and sex

12. Number and type of agencies offering camping services.

13. Number and type of camps conducted on government land.

14. Number of camps conducting a highly specialized camp program.

V. A Summation of Camping at the Mid-Century and a Look Ahead.

This chapter will integrate and synthesize the entire Census Study. Other allied studies and surveys conducted on both local and national levels, will

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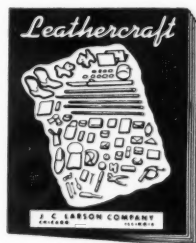
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provide supplementary data and assist in developing a current, accurate picture of camping in America.

## VI. Appendix.

- A. Statements of appreciation.
- B. Statistics not presented elsewhere.
- C. Plans for continuing census bi-annually.
- D. Statement of the research program of the American Camping Association with a projected ten year plan.

## Official Meetings Set for Convention Week

The official annual meetings of several ACA legislative, policy and executive groups are scheduled to be held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, in conjunction with the national convention. Committee names and meeting dates follow:

Executive Committee, April 14, 7 p.m.

Board of Directors, April 15, 9:00 a.m.

Association Business Meeting, April 18, 12:15 p.m.

National Committees, April 18, 2:15 p.m.

Each Section is entitled to two members on the Board (the Section President and another representative.) National officers and national committee chairmen are also members of the Board. In addition, our constitution states that "each Section shall be represented at the Annual Business Meeting . . . by delegates . . . proportionate to its membership on the basis of one vote for every 25 active members in good standing. Each Section shall have at least two votes, regardless of the size of its membership."

Arrangements have been tentatively set for individual meetings of each national committee on April 18, following the Association business meeting. Each Section committee chairman is urged to attend this national meeting with his counterparts from the other Sections.

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### Need Counselors?

Information received by ACA headquarters indicates that a good source of camp counselors (both foreign and domestic) is International House, Columbia University, New York City.

Directors of camps east of the Mississippi, please note.

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# ACA NEWS

## Section Reports on Current Activities

### Region I

NEW ENGLAND section extends thanks to its retiring board members. A. Cooper Ballentine, Mrs. Donald Mitchell, and Harry E. Brown completed three years of service. Robert Delahanty was chairman of the Nominating Committee. Newly elected board members, who will serve until 1956, are Mrs. James Melcher, Jerald Newton, and Mrs. Sidney Ussher. Bernard Alexander will serve as new chairman of the Nominating Committee. Thomas Leydon and David Austin will also serve as board members.

### Region II

NEW JERSEY section held its monthly dinner meeting on March 12. William Hillcourt, Boy Scout National Director of Scoutcraft spoke on "How to Get More Primitive Camping into Your Camp." Plans for the May In-Camp conference were considered.

### Region V

CHICAGO section met on March 7 to hear speakers on methods by which waterfront personnel can make the best contribution to the total camp program. There were demonstrations in the pool of various aquatic skills.

MICHIGAN section held its Winter Camping Convention on February 22. Dr. John C. Sullivan spoke at the luncheon on "When a Child goes to Camp." On March 22, the section met in Lansing with representatives of State Departments.

WISCONSIN section met February 6 at Hubbard Lodge, Milwaukee. The meeting was a follow-up of the ACA Annual Fall Workshop held last fall. The next meeting of the section will be at a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, on Friday, April 18.

### Region VII

PACIFIC CAMPING ASSOCIATION held its 26th Annual Conference at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif. on March 13-16. Dr. Homer C. Barnes served as chairman of the conference. Dr. Harry Overstreet and Charles Schottland were speakers.

### Dates Ahead!

April 27-May 3, School Camping and Outdoor Education Workshop, Versailles, Indiana, State Park.

May 16-18, Spring Institute Wisconsin Section, George Williams College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisc.

May 18-24, Recreation Leaders Laboratory, Wausau, Wisc., Youth Camp.

June 16-23, Conference for Trip and Campcraft Counselors, Camp Blazing Trail, Denmark, Maine.

March 15-17, 1953, Region VII Conference, Timberline Lodge, Mt. Hood, Oregon.

## Camp Literature Available from ACA

A wide variety of literature, prepared by experts in the camping field, has been published by ACA as a service to members. Now is the time to look over the list of materials available, and decide how many of each item you want—for your own reading and study, for mailing out to 1952 staff members, for use with unit leaders, committee members, etc. The titles listed below are a sampling of the subjects available; send your orders, together with remittance, to ACA, 343 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 4.

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## ACA NEWS

### Indians Available As Counselors

A group of American Indian students plan to attend the 1952 ACA National Convention. They hope to establish contact with camp directors in order to further their plans for placing Indian students as camp counselors.

Some Indian schools in North and South Dakota are offering training courses for camp counselors. The courses are designed to arouse the interest of qualified students and to offer as much background training as possible. As a part of the course, tribal leaders will be called on to instruct in tribal arts and crafts, songs and dances and tribal history.

While many camp directors may wish to have an Indian counselor on his staff to teach "Indian lore," these students could also be very valuable as regular counselors.

Further information may be secured by writing to the Branch of Placement, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Aberdeen Area Office, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

### New Edition Issued of Supervision Booklet

A new printing is now available of the pamphlet "It's Wise to Supervise," which was reviewed in *Camping Magazine* last month.

Price of this new printing, we are advised by the publishers, is \$0.75 per copy, instead of the old price of \$0.50.

As a service to ACA members, national headquarters is at the present time indicating on the label of each copy of *CAMPING MAGAZINE* the month in which each ACA's membership expires. The letters JAN, FEB, MAR, etc., are used to make it easy to check just when your membership is due for renewal.

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### Pointers on Low-Cost

# Menu Planning

By MARIE C. DOERMANN

**C**AMP MENUS should be planned to meet the child's nutritional requirements each day. The adequacy of the diet should be checked against recognized standards for children's diets given below:

Milk should be served at the rate of one quart for each child daily.

Vegetables and fruits should be served 31 to 35 times per week (potatoes once or twice a day; tomatoes, oranges, grapefruit or citrus fruit once a day; a leafy, green or yellow vegetable once a day.) It is suggested that one vegetable a day should be a raw one.

Eggs are recommended to be served five to seven times weekly.

Meat, fish, combination cheese-and-meat or poultry dishes totalling at least 4 ounces each serving, should be on the camp menu seven times weekly.

Cereal should be served once daily.

Bread or bread alternates, such as muffins, etc., should be served at every meal.

Dessert should be scheduled for once or twice daily.

If it is necessary to plan low-cost meals, the milk allowance should be maintained. Evaporated or dried milk may be used in cooking to reduce the cost of all fresh milk. More cheese, eggs, fish, beans and peas, peanut butter, nuts and other protein food should be added to offset lower meat consumption. Canned vegetables and fruits, in place of the more expensive fresh fruits, will help lower food costs.

### Suggested Meal Patterns

#### Breakfast

Fruit, raw or cooked, citrus, tomato or fruit juices.

Cooked or cold prepared cereal, served with *whole milk*.

Bread, toast or muffins, French toast.

Milk or a beverage made with milk.

Eggs or bacon, if budget allows.

#### Luncheon or Supper

(It is customary in some camps to

serve the heavier meal at noon and the lighter meal in the evening.)

1. Cream soup, vegetable soup or chowder; a fruit salad; bread, cookies or cake; milk or a fruit beverage.

2. Sandwiches with meat, fish, vegetable, fruit or cheese fillings; ice cream or fruit ice and cookies; hot milk beverage.

3. A large salad of raw or cooked fruits or vegetables or egg or cheese with vegetables; bread; a warm, filling dessert or hot bread with jam or preserves; milk.

4. A vegetable plate, including one starchy, one succulent and one root vegetable (a salad or vegetable relish can be used in place of one vegetable,) bread, milk or fruit beverage; dessert.

5. A meat or a meat-extended dish, fish or meat substitute of cheese, dried beans or eggs; one vegetable, raw or cooked or combined with main dish, or a salad; bread; raw, stewed or canned fruit; milk or fruit beverage.

#### Dinner

Meat or meat-extended dish, fish, eggs or dried beans; potato and one other vegetable, raw or cooked (potatoes may be used generously;) bread; simple pudding or fruit dessert; milk or fruit beverage.

### Menu Information

Quantity recipes, sample menus, suggested procedures for preparation, serving and keeping records, etc., may be obtained from many of the commercial food companies. Ask your camp food suppliers.

Numerous books on the subject are also available. Many of these are listed in the bibliography in the 1952 Camp Reference and Buying Guide.

Some general suggestions of value to camp food planners are:

1. Try to have campers clean all plates, to avoid any waste of food.

2. Use locally produced foods when possible.

3. Use up all small amounts of vegetables and fruits on hand, in appetizing dishes, to avoid any kitchen waste.

4. Reduce garbage to a minimum.

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By MILLICENT THOMPSON

**D**ISCUSSION at camp meetings provides much food for thought. One of the problems frequently mentioned is the question of providing food for trips. Perhaps this article will provide a few nourishing ideas to add to the enjoyment of camp trips.

As dietitian at a large girls' camp, I have learned to know camp and its many activities from many angles. One of my favorite camp activities is trips.

## A Camp Dietitian Looks At Trips

In this field, food is a major item to be considered. As a result, I come into close contact with the trip counselors.

I begin thinking of trips in March, when I am placing grocery orders for canned and dry foods. I buy small sizes especially for the trip program; No. 2 and 2½ cans in vegetable and fruits. We use peas, carrots, string beans, and soups. For fruits we use pears, apricots, and peaches. We use tomato soup in cans, but other soups usually are dried or packed in individual servings. I also buy canned unsweetened grapefruit juice, and orange sections. The juices are packed in No. 5 or 46-ounce cans.

For the "main course" I buy corned-beef hash and baked beans, whole canned chicken for emergencies, tuna fish and salmon for fish dinners (except of course for fishing trips, a new and popular idea,) canned beef stew, and some canned spaghetti dinners.

Last year we also used many of the ready-to-cook trail-pack dinners. These consisted of chicken-and-rice dinners, chili con carne, and spaghetti. They pack readily and safely in waterproof bags, take little room, cook quickly.

We also used fresh meat, of course, such as hamburgers, frankfurters, chickens, steak, and veal cutlets. These fresh meats are kept in the freezer and, as we remove them, others are added. We also used lamb and beef stew meat in ready-to-use form.

I buy packed mixes, such as gingerbread, pancake flour, and chocolate cake. These are bought in the large 5-pound bags we use in the kitchen, weighed into 1-pound lots, and put into tin cans for trips. Our campers use reflector ovens for their trip baking. If you have never tasted warm gingerbread, baked in one of these

ovens, topped with whipped cream, and eaten by the glowing flames of a campfire, while a stream rushes by you and overhead the Big Dipper gleams you have missed a great experience.

Usually, since most of our trips are just overnight, we pack two meals, dinner and breakfast. The frozen meat will be used for dinner, as it will be thawed out by the time the campsite is ready. As Maine nights are usually cool, we are able to send fresh milk, eggs and bacon out for breakfast. On

longer trips the canned meats, fish, etc., are used.

We send fresh fruit and vegetables, such as peaches, plums, apples, tomatoes, and onions. These pack well and will keep fresh in our "traveling ice-box." We use canned milk in cases where the campsites, far from camp, make use of fresh milk impractical.

Camp trips can be fun, but they can also be headaches unless the camp dietitian and trip personnel work in close cooperation. A dietitian should know when trips are going out (24 hours in advance, at least.) If necessary, of course, we can sent out a trip on shorter notice, though it may mean a change in menu for the trip group and possibly for the rest of camp.

There must also be a supply of paper goods and utensils available for the trippers. These I buy with the help of the trip counselor. After camp closes, when we take inventory of what is on hand, we figure out what will be needed for the following year. I try to supply what the counselors wish, and may remove from the kitchen to the trip house surplus supplies and items for the use of that department.

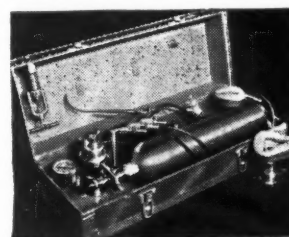
Trip counselors are responsible for seeing that all utensils and dishes used on trips, as well as dish towels, are washed and clean. (Dish towel are of a different color from those used in the camp kitchen.)

If the dietitian and trips counselors work together in cooperation, trips can be real fun. I like especially knowing that before the summer is over, I shall have the opportunity of joining the campers and counselors around the campfire, sleeping under the stars after a good nourishing meal, and waking up to a fine breakfast, all planned with my help.

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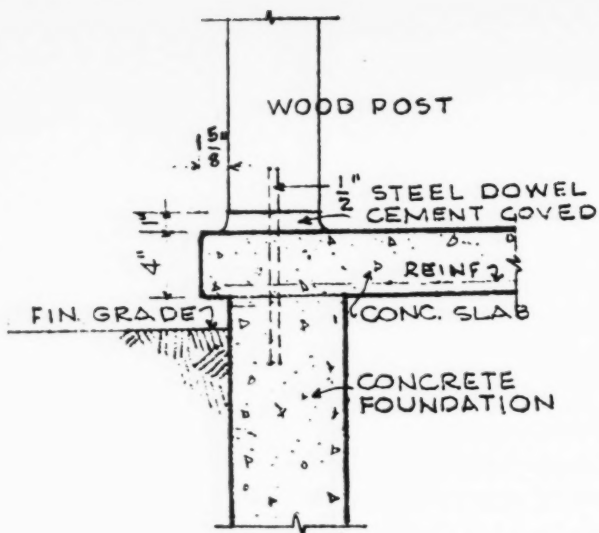


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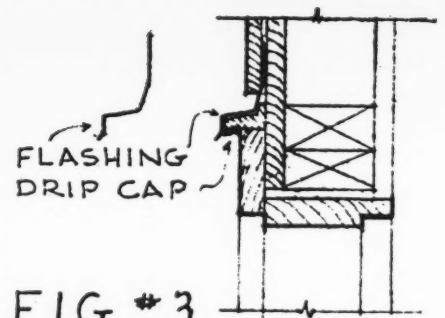


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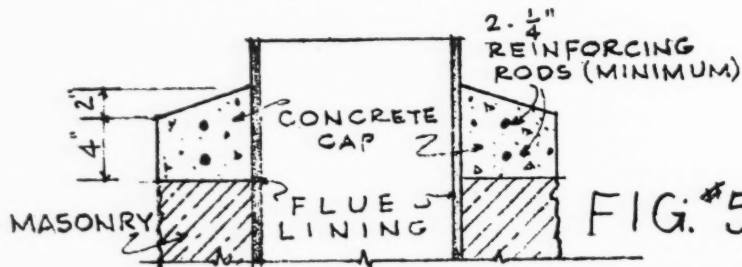


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## DETAILS FOR CAMP BUILDINGS

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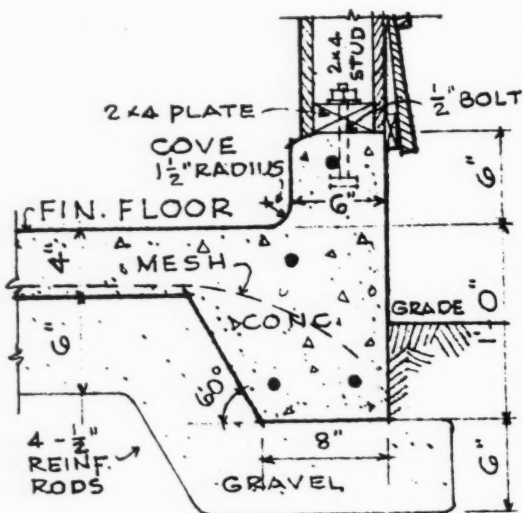


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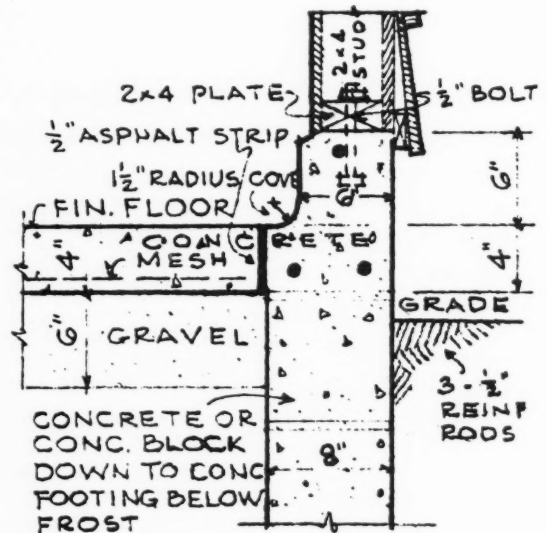


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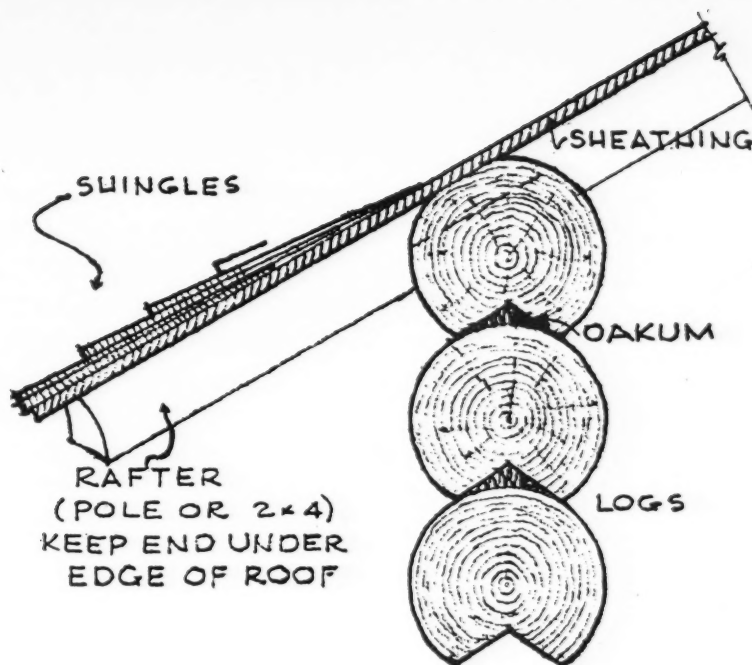


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## How to Cut Maintenance Costs

By W. GLEN WALLACE

ONE OF THE most important items in camp management, and often one of the most discouraging, is the ever-present problem of maintenance. Therefore, it is well to cut down future maintenance by careful site planning and building design when a new camp is laid out, a new building is constructed, or old buildings remodeled.

To deal realistically with the effects of moisture is to cut down maintenance. This falls into two main divisions: erosion and rot.

To minimize erosion, the natural earth should be disturbed as little as possible by either roads or buildings. On open, erodible sites, rainwater from roofs should be collected in gutters and downspouts and channeled safely away. Basements and other walls against earth should be carefully waterproofed. Serious water conditions around buildings may require a tile drainage system at the base of foundations. Provide culverts in low points of new roads.

To minimize rot, buildings and

their details should be designed to prevent water from remaining long on any part of the building, and also to prevent alternate saturation and drying as much as possible. Wood walls should be well off the ground; exposed rafters and log ends should be kept under the roof or otherwise protected (Fig. 1). Bottoms of wood posts should be set up off concrete floors an inch or so (Fig. 2) or, where resting on wood porch floors, provided with a replaceable two-inch-board base, the bottom thoroughly painted.

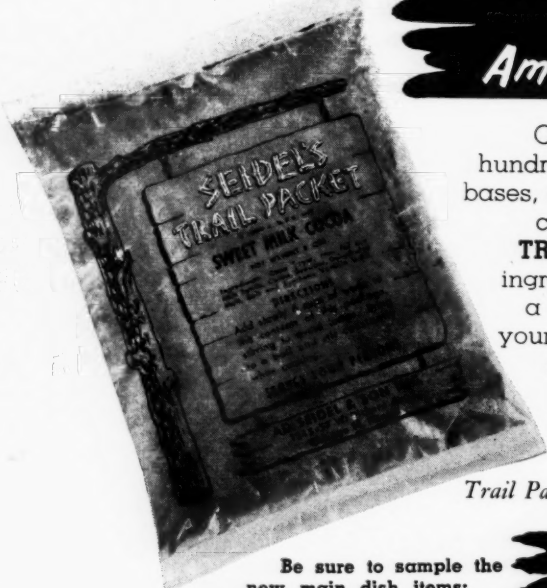
Window and door sills should be well pitched and kept well painted. Sides of frames also should be kept well painted, especially just above sills. Provide adequate valley flashings and well-installed saddles behind chimneys. Flash well around chimneys and all other points where a wall and a roof meet. Pitch porch floors slightly to carry water away from walls. Install drips over all outside openings, and flash (Fig. 3) over the drips, well up behind wall covering, and out beyond edge of drip. Provide wood drips (Fig. 4) on all casement windows just above the sills.

Generous overhangs of roofs reduce maintenance and usually enhance design. Install reinforced concrete caps (Fig. 5) on all chimneys, properly sloped to run water off the top. (This is a good time to insert some bolts and later install some fine mesh over the flues as fire and rodent protection). Be sure to use rust-resistant nails on all exposed work; aluminum are best if you can get them. Metal corners for mitred siding will cut down the possibilities of rot, even if they do look a little out of character. Be sure to provide a caulking recess around all windows set in masonry, and see that these are properly caulked, especially under the sill. Provide coved concrete bases with concrete floors, both inside and out wherever possible. Some designs permit bases to be incorporated into the structural foundation.

Buildings using logs, either partly as for posts and lintels, or completely as for log cabins, require many special considerations to prevent rot. Tops of logs should never be leveled off or notched; all the notching should be on the bottoms of logs. Notches should be a little deeper in the middle than neces-

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One of the most vulnerable spots on new construction is the putty in the window sashes. This should be protected as soon as possible, or it is likely to crack, dry out, and eventually fall out.

Let's build well what we build. The few extra dollars required may be hard to find, but it will be well worth while to have the satisfaction of knowing that, in the long run it is more economical, and future administrators will have fewer maintenance problems.

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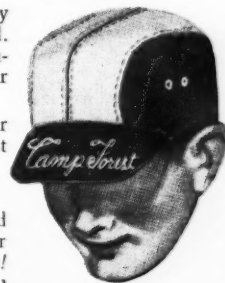
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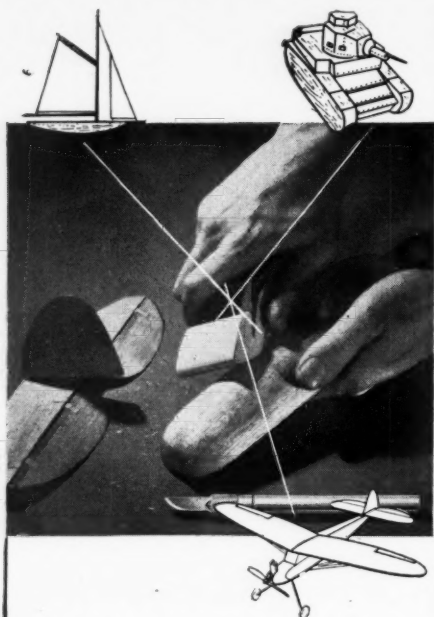
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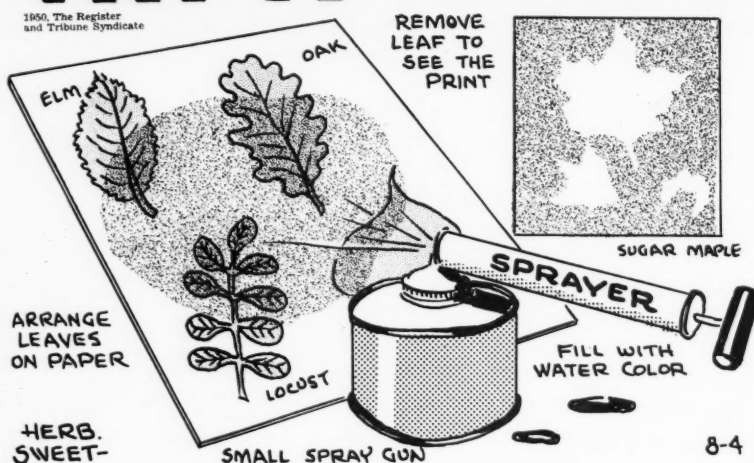
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paper and a little to one side. Standing to one side prevents large drops from falling onto the paper from the atomizer.

Lift the leaves when the paper is completely dry, and they will be silhouetted on the paper with a background of colored droplets. Experiment with borders and two or more colors. The leaf prints are nice enough to frame.

*One of a series prepared by Herb Sweet, ACA president and operator of Acorn Farm Camps.*

## Community Interest Aids Day Camps

By J. C. VAN ZANDT

**D**AY CAMPING has one happy quality which, in degree at least, distinguishes it from resident camping—it is more essentially a part of the community from which its campers come. It is that by physical fact alone, the limitations of transportation.

The alert director will recognize this near-at-handness and make of it a public relations item which will pay dividends. He will recognize that his campers daily return to their homes and their neighborhoods. He will recognize that his campsite is an ideal meeting place on a hot summer day for a business men's or service club luncheon. He will recognize and encourage the use of his campsite for weekend or out of season use by school, church, and community organizations. He will recognize near-at-hand program people and program resources.

When this alertness occurs, there develops a pattern of community car-

ing and community cooperation which is productive of a great deal of good for the day camp concerned. Cooperation from community groups will result in more than monetary gains.

Labor donated by these groups can be used to remove unsightly buildings, repair docks, and improve camp facilities.

Benefit drives sponsored by interested community groups will enable the day camp to purchase needed equipment. The nearness of the camp to the center of community activity makes the community more aware of its need and willing to help remedy situations needing attention. The children will also serve as excellent publicity agents for the camp as they tell of their daily activities.

A day camp director should not overlook the possibilities that arise from the nearness of his camp to the community.

## Intercoms Can Save You Time and Energy

**H**OW MANY miles do you walk in a week to talk with members of your camp staff? Camp directors often find that their staffs are spread out over a good deal of space. The camp nurse, dietitian, maintenance workers, counselors, and campers all are likely to be in different places. One way to solve the problem of communication is the installation of an intercom system. Until recently these handy gadgets were found only in large offices, but they are readily adaptable to camp use.

A intercommunication system can be easily installed between the directors office, the kitchen, and other locations on the camp grounds. Some systems have a range of 20 miles. These sets will save a great deal of time in relaying instructions and telephone messages to the staff, and getting needed information from staff members.

There is a wide variety of sets available on the market. Two-way communication systems are priced from \$25.00 up. Most sets are simple to install, many could be put in by camp directors themselves.

Some of the sets operate on batteries, others get their power from your own voice, some use regular 110 volt current. On some of the intercoms it is necessary to push down a talk-key to answer or make a call. One



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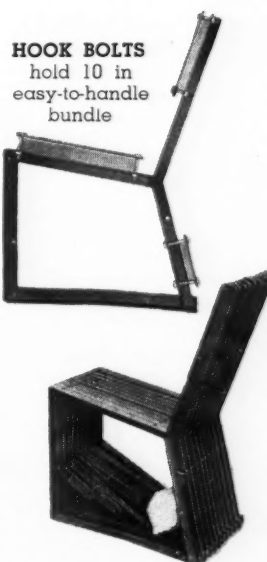
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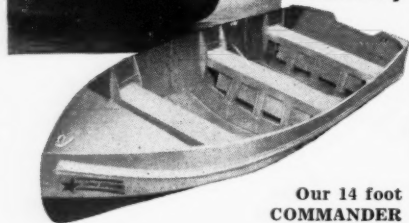
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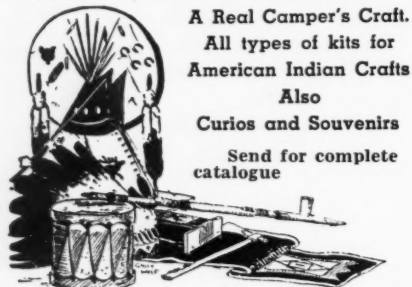
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type of intercom will pick up a voice from a distance of several feet. There is one intercom system that is a combination radio and intercom.

The intercoms differ in operation. Some systems have a master speaker with sub-station. Others have no master station, and you can originate the call on any unit. If privacy is desired, there is a system on which your voice will be carried only to a selected station.

An intercom system is not just a toy, although they can be fun to use. Many camps cover very large areas. Time will certainly be saved in many ways. Tempers, too, will be saved, for there is nothing as annoying as a delayed message, a useless errand, or not having vital information when and where you want it. Even more important, the intercom will be useful in notifying the director of an emergency such as a fire or illness of one of the campers.

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# That's A Good Idea!

## *Useful Ideas From Camp Directors Across the Nation*

**H**OW MANY TIMES have you said, aloud or to yourself, "That's a Good Idea!" when you saw or heard for the first time some simple ingenious idea, gadget, or method used by some camp to solve a common problem? All of us have, of course. Moreover, all of us have lots of "good ideas" in our own camp planning, programming, and operation.

Take a minute to send *CAMPING MAGAZINE* some of your "good ideas" for publication in future issues. Let's make this column an exchange for the best ideas of all of us which will help our fellow directors.

### **Easily Made Boxes Hold Trip Supplies**

Here's an answer to the problem of how to carry supplies on canoe and other trips. The box, shown with Beatrice Pratt in the picture, is made of reinforced plywood. Rope handles are rigged so that one or two people can carry the box on each side. The supply



box is designed to fit into canoes. The dimensions are: 24" long, 17" wide, and 14" deep.

### **Two Ideas Help Keep Counselors Happy**

Ila and Paul Hunsicker send two ideas from Camp Arbutus on how to keep counselors happy. One is a staff table where a counselor may eat occasionally to be relieved of the con-

tinual presiding at a table. There are enough extra counselors to fill in on these occasions.

Of the second, the Hunsickers write that "We have a funny old tent-cabin, furnished with a cot, table, and lamp, away from the rest of the camp. A counselor may "crawl off" here to sleep or read. A couple of hours of this solitude often does more to refresh one than a trip to town—or time in the counselors' lodge. We have always felt our counselor work and "give" up to hilt. Perhaps the above ideas help show the appreciation we feel."

### **Workable Suggestions For Better Hikes**

Howard H. Michaud, Associate Professor of Conservation at Purdue University, suggests the following ways to make hiking more worthwhile and more fun. 1. Hikes should not be too long or too short. 2. Keep the pace moderate, attempt to satisfy both the fastest and slowest hikers. Arrest the attention of the faster ones in order to give slower walkers a chance to catch up. 3. Plan round-trip hikes so that most of the trail does not retrace any of the route. 4. Ask questions; learn something of the hikers' background and interests. 5. Have hikers use, whenever possible, all their senses—sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. 6. Point out examples of conservation and places where it is needed. 7. Fantastic stories such as legends, un-natural history, and ghost stories should be kept at a minimum. True stories and nature tales can be told just as dramatically.

Professor Michaud's suggestions will lead to hikes that are a lot more fun for all. Good hiking!

### **Roof Construction Pointers Given**

Camp roof construction for long life and low maintenance costs is, of course, an important item in any camp building. The following suggestions, while originally intended for park building, should be helpful to many camp directors. These suggestions were prepared by Henry C. Prange, State Engineer, Indiana Conservation Department.

1. Projection of rafters beyond eaves and projection of ridge poles and purlins beyond the rake of the roof should definitely be avoided. Moisture from the roof will soon start decay of the exposed projections, which in time spreads to roof sheathing and shingles.

2. Covering of ridges or hips with round poles, especially when the bark is left on such poles, should not be permitted. It is very difficult to make a roof tight under such poles.

3. Extreme flat slopes for shingle roofs are to be avoided. A rise of 4" a foot is the absolute minimum; 6" a foot is better.

4. So-called pockets in roofs where snow and ice will pile up should not be allowed.

5. No wood shingle or wood shake should be allowed to be placed on a roof unless it has been dipped in a wood preservative solution.

6. Trees close to roofs should be trimmed to allow air and sunshine to dry the roof.

### **Information Leaflets Guide Camp Parents**

A growing number of camps make use of small, mimeographed leaflets to inform parents of camp rules, such as visiting hours, swimming, and smoking. These leaflets are a help to the camp director for they eliminate many embarrassing moments when parents request something they can not grant. Camp Manitowish in Boulder Junc-

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tion, Wisc., places their leaflets in a covered box near the camp parking lot. The picture shows a parent taking one of the attractive leaflets from the box. Mimeographed on green paper, the 8½" by 5½", 4-page leaflet contains 14 suggestions for visiting the camp. It covers parking, where to find different buildings, how to arrange to eat a meal at the camp, where to leave the dog, and explanations of various other camp rules.

Camp Severance in New York has also found that parents ask the same questions year after year. Mrs. Herbert Pels and Mrs. B. A. Sinn describe their "Guide for Parents" compiled in order to give the same information to everyone and have a handy reference to mail to parents.

It is simply gotten up, and lists on the first page, the camp mailing and telegraph address, and the telephone number. The second page is devoted to all visiting rules, days for visiting, number of times visits may be made, hours when the camp is open to visitors, and what to do if you cannot come on regular visiting days.

Then we also tell how often campers are required to write home, and how long a letter takes to reach the city.

The next page tells all about sending packages to camp, what may be sent, what is taboo, and what is done with whatever is received. We also mention gifts to campers and counselors, what may be given and what is frowned upon. We list the hours when campers can be called to the telephone and ask that all calls be limited to five minutes. We make suggestions of how we require clothing

to be marked, and what is to be marked. On the back of this four page brochure, we list various ways of reaching camp, by train, bus, and auto routes.

In its first summer of use, we have found this "Guide to Parents" has saved us a great deal of time in answering repetitious questions. Parents were delighted to have most of their queries anticipated, and answered in this little booklet, because it made their contacts with us easy and clear.

## Let's Give Children Time to be Children

Mary L. Northway, in *Canadian Camping*, paid a tribute to the late Nora Bailey. Part of this tribute contained a worthwhile bit of child lore.

"I asked Nora about the program at her camp. She said, 'Do you know what these children like doing best of all? They like playing hide-and-seek. There's so little time in a modern child's life to play hide-and-seek that we've decided our program must have time and opportunity for campers to do what they really like to do. One is a child nowadays for such a little while. Let the children have time to be themselves.'"

## Camp Offerings Help Others

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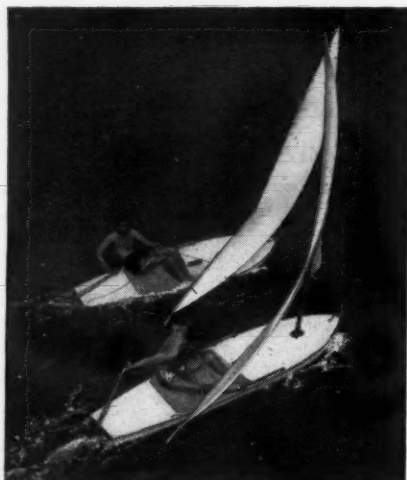
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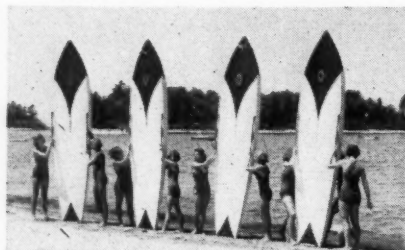
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## Fire Fighting Stations Give Camp Protection

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## Jane Has Been Singing What Kind of Songs?

"Jane has been singing those camp songs ever since she came home!" Many parents have made that statement and wished that their children would learn songs that would not "drive them crazy." Too often camp songs are meaningless and noisy jingles. The time that is spent in learning these could be spent in learning the truly lovely folk songs that are available.

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## Easy Way You Can Stop Needless Collecting

Many camps have the problem of campers "collecting" a good part of the surrounding country. They want to take most of the woods and the things in them home. Frogs, toads, salamanders, and plant life suffer as a result. Even small snakes vanish when the campers leave. Too many wild creatures end up being taken home in a bottle or tin can instead of remaining in the woods where they can be seen and enjoyed by all.



One way that seems to put a stop to needless waste is to round up some of the would-be collectors and start on a hike. Pick out a small bushy shrub, in a particularly lovely setting, and have each camper pick one leaf for himself and some for his friends at camp. In a short time the bush takes on somewhat of a skinned look and the campers are pretty quick to notice it.

Try to impress upon the campers that the little bush is like the entire

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## Planned Bike Programs Make Happier Camps



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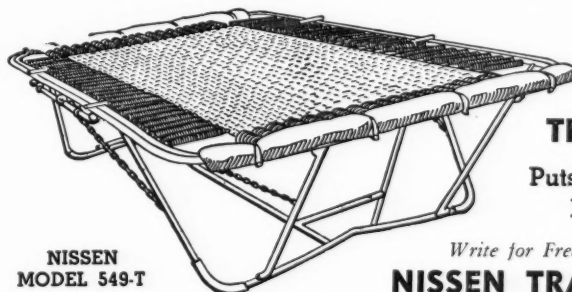
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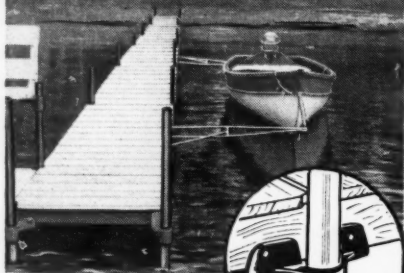
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All campers, girls and boys alike, have the keen desire to explore and find adventure. With proper leadership campers can learn to appreciate nature in its own setting, not destroy it by needless collecting.

*Frank Gehr*

## Horseshoe Pitching Area Kept Neat

Horseshoes are very likely to get lost, and the sand around the stake becomes scattered over a good deal of the surrounding territory. Camp Widiwagan in Ely, Minn., has found solutions for these two annoyances. The picture shows how whitewashed logs were used as a backstop for the pit and a rack for the horseshoes. The ends of the logs were notched so they would fit together snugly. Good ideas to make horseshoe pitching more fun for both camper and counselor.



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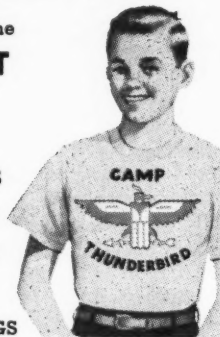
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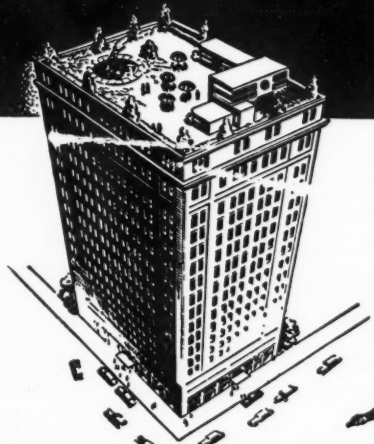
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## How One Camper Became Champion Rope Splicer

The camp director was making his after-breakfast announcements. He was very serious as he stated, "Scouts, there is a very brave camper among us. He was so brave that in the dark of night he went down behind all the tents and cut the ropes that had been placed there for airing blankets and clothes. This very brave camper, if he's as brave as I think he is, is going to come right to me and he is going to have a busy day."

The mess hall was painfully quiet. It seemed improbable that the director would be trampled by boys rushing up to admit their guilt.

But sure enough, a moment later, a tousled-haired youngster approached the director and with an uncomfortable and guilty grin, looked into his face and said, "Well, when do I begin splicing the ropes?"

By nightfall he was the camp's champion rope splicer. But, more than that, he had won the admiration of everyone in camp. He had made good in a tough spot.

Walter MacPeck

This little incident was quoted in *Parents Magazine*.

During evening prayers in a boys' cabin at camp, one of the counselors was startled to hear this prayer from a 12-year-old boy:

"O God, we thank Thee for every blessing. We are grateful for the birds and the bees and the flowers. Not that they are so important to us, but they mean so much to those who teach us about them. Amen."

—M. S., Huntsville, Texas

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*A Department Conducted by Prof. Charles Weckwerth, Director of Recreation and Camping, Springfield (Mass.) College*

## A Field Guide to Shells

AUTHOR: Percy A. Morris.

PUBLISHER: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2 Park St., Boston 7, Mass., \$3.75.

REVIEWER: Elizabeth Merrikin, Director, Randolph Junior Counselors.

A welcome guide to a phase of nature that is too little known. The illustrations are clear and greatly helpful in identifying the shells. The descriptions are so complete and simple that it is a pleasure to study this field of nature.

The book has an excellent introduction and chart that starts the collector off with the basic system of classification so necessary for this hobby. This book should be a great help to Camp Counselors because shells have played such an important part in history, particularly Indian lore.

Interest could be much greater if the life of former sea species could be told as clearly as found in this Guide. Beachcombing could be so much fun with this little book, and should arouse a deeper interest in this field that has not had the attention it so richly deserves.

## Learning to Swim in 12 Easy Steps

AUTHORS: Adolph Kiefer, Milton A. Gabrielsen, and Bramwell W. Gabrielsen.

PUBLISHER: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 Fifth Ave., New York City, \$3.00.

REVIEWER: Harriet Stewart, Head Counselor, Camp Arcadia, Casco, Maine.

Authors Kiefer, Gabrielsen and Gabrielsen in their book have made a good contribution toward making swimming skills possible for most people. The educational principles underlying the content and method presented are sound. The book is addressed to the parents since their interest is one of the main determinants in their children learning to swim.

The 12 steps in learning to swim suggested are the result of the personal experiences of these well qualified writers. The material is well illustrated by Hosseni Banai and there are some excellent photographs.

Although this book is written mainly for use in teaching an individual, the material is applicable to group teaching and can be of use to all people including professional swimming teachers. Parents will find great value in this book if they plan to teach their child to swim or in understanding the experiences their child is going through when taught by another person. Safety rules presented give valuable criteria for answering the question, "Can I go swimming?"

This book could very well be in every camp staff's library so counselors (not on the swimming staff) may read it in order better to understand the learning experiences which campers will have in swimming. Such a book should help counselors to understand this important phase of camp program and therefore be more intelligent in counselling.

## Handbook of Active Games

AUTHOR—Darwin Hindman.

PUBLISHER—Prentice-Hall, Inc., 70 5th Ave., New York, \$6.00.

REVIEWER—Arthur J. Lusty, Jr., American Youth Hostels.

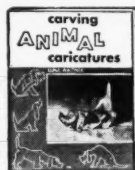
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AUTHORS—Herbert Zim and Alexander Martin.

PUBLISHER—Simon and Schuster, Rockefeller Center, New York 20, \$1.00.

REVIEWER—Virginia H. Buzzell, Glen Eyrie Farm for Children, Delavan Lake, Wisc.

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## Boys' Complete Book of Camping

AUTHOR—Stanley Pashko.

PUBLISHER—Greenberg Co., 201 E. 57th St., New York 22, N. Y., \$2.50.

REVIEWER—Reynold E. Carlson.

This book is directed to the 12-15 year old boy who is interested in the out-of-doors and wants to learn how to camp. Little of the material is new, but it is written in an interesting, straight-forward fashion that should stimulate interest in camping techniques. It is well illustrated.

Sections of the book that deal with shelters, camp equipment, campfires, and making of camp equipment are particularly good. Such a short book cannot be all-inclusive, but there might have been more material on the use of map and compass and finding one's way.

## Simple Bracelets

AUTHOR—J. W. Bollinger.

PUBLISHER—The Bruce Publishing Co., 540 N. Milwaukee St., Milwaukee 1, Wisc., \$2.50.

REVIEWER—Mrs. B. A. Sinn of Camp Severance.

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### Round-Up Recipes

AUTHORS—Bonnie and Ed Peplew.

PUBLISHER—World Publishing Co., 107  
W. 43 St., New York City, \$3.00.

REVIEWER—Barbara Ellen Joy.

This is a breezy, often amusing book of practical suggestions and good recipes which should appeal especially to western camp people. The first 39 pages contain excellent ideas for barbecues, large-group cookery, cooking with improvised materials, and cooking without utensils. All the recipes which are given are signed by the "Cowbells" who keep the ranches going and the cowboys well-fed.

### Plays for Great Occasions

AUTHOR—Graham DuBois.

PUBLISHER—Plays, Inc., 8 Arlington  
St., Boston 16, Mass., \$3.50.

REVIEWER—William Thornton Simpson, Director of Dramatic Arts,  
Springfield (Mass.) College.

Seldom have I found a more satisfying group of plays than those written by DuBois. Based upon historical episodes, they are designed to give teachers dramatic material for celebrating our holidays. The first play in the collection is *Lincoln Says Farewell*. Sherwood's *Abe Lincoln in Illinois* may be the model upon which DuBois bases his play; if so I commend him for his ability to catch the poetry of Abe's speech, besides developing an episode in Lincoln's life which bears evidence of the author's fine sense of the dramatic spirit in a great life.

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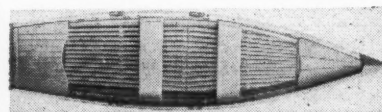
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## AFTER TAPS

*... the time when directors, leaders, and counselors recall the successes and failures of the day, plan to make tomorrow a better day, and think about the opportunities — seized and missed — of this wonderful thing called camping.*

### The Camp Director's Challenge

BY BERNARD S. MASON

*Originally written more than 17 years ago for parental reading, this article by Dr. Mason remains today a high challenge to all camp people as they plan their 1952 season. The material originally appeared under the title "Camping As Essential Education" in the March 1935 Redbook Magazine, to whom we are indebted for reprint permission.*

Life is activity—the primary need is the need to be doing. Man is a dynamic, moving creature, and youth is doubly so. Youth seeks adventure, *new* adventure, *high* adventure. And he should have these—it is his youthful right—and your task and mine as adults is to see that he gets them without harm, physically and emotionally.

Whatever the near and familiar may be, to the youthful mind it seems inadequate. He looks beyond and away to other and newer and changing experiences. And when the wild geese clang their way northward, trumpeting forth their clarion call of Spring and life and hope, the youthful heart grows restless—he longs to be up and away—with Kipling he must “go, go, go away from here—on the other side of the world he’s overdue.”

To study-weary youth, therefore, the call to camp is the call to life and conquest and adventure—to boundless forests, trackless wilds, and lonely hidden lakes—to wind and water and sky and sun. The wild free self awakens again in a life rich in simple and colorful things. In glorious revolt from the drabness of city surroundings, the camper drinks in the wine of the sunset, lays his head close to fresh and smelly earth-things, and is lulled to sleep by that sweetest symphony in all the world, the patter of rain drops on the tent roof. From the prose of school and city, youth turns to the poetry of the wilds.

Here, then, is the first contribution that the summer camp makes to a boy or girl—*joy*. And if I were in the position of a parent selecting a camp, I would make very sure that the camp of my selection is one that can bring this joy to my particular child. In beauty of setting and richness of program, I would make sure that the camp fitted my child. I would make certain that a wide variety of activities are provided so that every interest can be

satisfied; that the program is not too rigid and formal, realizing that the child wants escape from formality, and learns more readily in an interest-motivated situation.

In addition to the happiest possible summer, I would anticipate that a season in camp would mean *health and strong physique*. The summer camp with its outdoor living and regularity of schedule is the ideal health-building situation. But paradoxically, there are dangers to health here. I would make sure that the camp of my selection does not rely upon the tonic of outdoor life alone, but has specialized leadership for protection against too much hurry, too much burning up of energy, too little sleep, and more positively, for the development of my child's physical ability to the fullest possible extent.

Third, camping leads to *social adjustment*. A summer in the right camp means the development of habits, attitudes, ways that lead to successful, happy, wholesome living with other people. In the intimate give and take of camp life, habits and attitudes are affected profoundly. But here again there are dangers. I would be sure that the counselors in the camp of my selection are all that I want my child to become, knowing that they are his heroes, that he has an ardent sympathy for them, and living with and admiring them, he tends to become like them. To spend the summer in close association with worthy counselors of refinement and idealism is sociologically one of the finest experiences that can come into the life of a boy or girl.

Fourth, camping is *education in skills*—not supplanting the school and home, but supplementing them; not solely for earning a living, but for enjoying leisure, for living life. The skills learned in camp are just as important to successful living as those learned in school, and in some respects, more so. The camp-trained child has a distinct advantage over the child who is denied this experience, in the manyness and richness of the skills he possesses, skills which equip him for an abundant life in leisure hours.

Lastly, if my child went to the right camp, I would feel confident that he would return to me with an increased *appreciation of finer things*—in nature, art, music, literature, and human personality.